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#### **Tribal Council Members:**

Susan J. LaFernier, President
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#### **DECEMBER 15th ELECTION RESULTS**



Registering KBIC voters at the Baraga District Poll.

Tribal elections were held on Saturday, December 15, 2007. Voting members visited the election polls located at the Niwiin Akeea Facility and the Zeba Methodist Church. Voters were able to cast their ballot for two candidates in the L'Anse District and two candidates in the Baraga District. Listed on the ballot were: Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr. (Incumbent), Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo (Incumbent), Fred Dakota, Charles A. Loonsfoot Sr., James J. Loonsfoot, and Debra Williamson in the Baraga District. In the L'Anse District, Michael F. LaFernier Sr. (Incumbent), Toni J. Minton (Incumbent), Joseph A. Dowd (Shawanung), JoAnne Racette, and Donald F. Stolp Jr. were the candidates. Violet M. Friisvall Ayres (Incumbent) was the sole candidate for Associate Judge.

Immediately following closing of the polls on Saturday, December 15th, preliminary counts were announced by the election workers: Violet M. Friisvall Ayres received 363 votes, securing the Associate Judge's term for the next three years. For the L'Anse District Representatives — Michael F. LaFernier Sr. received 225 votes, Toni J. Minton received 202 votes, JoAnne Racette re-

ceived 189 votes, Joseph A. Dowd (Shawanung) received 166 votes and Donald F. Stolp Jr. received 62 votes. These results reflect Michael F. LaFernier Sr. and Toni J. Minton have secured a three year term in the L'Anse District. For the Baraga District Representatives — Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo received 191 votes, Fred Dakota received 190 votes, Charles A. Loonsfoot Sr. received 190 votes, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr. received 176 votes, James L. Loonsfoot received 59 votes and Debra Williamson received 45 votes. Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo has secured a three year term for the Baraga District. Due to the tie in the Baraga District, the KBIC Election Board announced they will be holding a recount on Monday, December 17, 2007. Voters also passed the referendum question: "Do you support a Primary Election in the L'Anse and Baraga Districts, to be held in advance of the General Election, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Tribal Council who will then be elected to the Tribal Council at the General Election by a majority vote of eligible voters in the Community," with 286 yes votes and 144 no votes.

**PRESS RELEASE:** On December 17, 2007, the Election Board met and a recount was held over the results of the Tribal General Election that was held on Saturday, December 15, 2007, where there was a tie of the tribal council seat in the Baraga District. The results of the recount came out with the same number of votes for each candidate and a run-off election will have to be held within 45 days.

A preliminary date of January 27, 2008, was discussed but the Tribal Council will have to certify the results of the last election before calling for a run-off election. Plans are under way at this time to call a Tribal Council meeting to certify the results of the December 15, 2007, election along with the recount.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- December 1, 2007, Tribal Council meeting
- Ojibwa Community College, Spring Semester 2008
- Marquette Celebrates Christmas
- Keweenaw Bay Celebrates Christmas
- Remembering our Veterans during the holidays
- Our Deepest Sympathy
- Aabinoojiiyens

#### December 1, 2007 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on December 1, 2007, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan.

Susan LaFernier presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Toni Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council. Council approved the meeting minutes for October 11, 2007, and Department Head reports for October 2007.

Susan LaFernier reported in the President's Report, that on November 5, 2007, she, along with Larry Denomie and Head Start parents attended a meeting where MSU staff were collecting data for a research study to help improve outcomes and promote the success of all children enrolled in Michigan based American Indian Early Head Start programs. Areas of discussion were Community and Education, benefits of Head Start, incorporating culture into the programming, and teachers' credentials. President LaFernier sent a letter on November 2nd, to Governor Granholm and to the twelve federally recognized Tribes in Michigan, regarding the KBIC, the National Wildlife Federation and the Huron Mountain Club comments in opposition to the proposed issuance of mining, air use, groundwater discharge permits, land lease agreement and the mine reclamation plan requested by Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company. A consultation with the State of Michigan was also requested concerning the proposed action as provided under the terms of the 2002 Government to Government accord with the State. The consultation will be held in Lansing on December 11, 2007, and a decision on the permits may be made on December 14, 2007. President LaFernier had stated last month that a hearing had been scheduled for December 5th, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for oral arguments to be heard on our Sales/Use Tax case. There was another motion filed by the State, and the hearing has been rescheduled for February 5, 2007, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to hear all of the motions. In regards to the Marquette Airport Casino, a news release by Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary, on November 16, 2007, stated President Bush and his Administration are holding back offreservation gaming applications until it develops new policy/regulations on the controversial issue. President LaFernier informed us that Artman stated it would be dangerous for the BIA to approve or disapprove any of the projects without the revised policy, and he hopes to come up with an initial draft to circulate within the Interior Department in about a month. On October 23, 2007, Federal District Court Judge Gordon J. Quist issued a decision in the case of Michigan Property & Casualty Guaranty Association vs. Foucault-Funke American Legion Post 444 dismissing the action in Federal Court by holding that the Tribal Court of the KBIC has the right to determine whether the Tribal Court has jurisdiction, under the laws of the KBIC, to hear this case even though the plaintiff in the case was a non-Indian association created by statue enacted by the Michigan legislature. Judge Quist is the same judge that has been assigned to our State and Use Tax case that has been filed against the State of Michigan in Federal Court. In Judge Quist's decision, he acknowledges the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court's inherent jurisdiction over non-Indians in civil litigation arising on the reservation. Tribal Council will be closely following further developments in this case. President LaFernier reminds everyone of the Drug Tip line (353-DRUG, 353-3784). If you know of the sale or use of illegal drugs on our reservation or in the community, please call. Your name will remain confidential unless you choose otherwise. President LaFernier reminded all to remember to vote at the Tribal Elections on December 15, 2007, and to be careful during the holiday season throughout all of our many activities. Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers who are ill or have lost loved ones, especially the families of Brian Gasperich (Former Casino Employee) and Gerald Connors

Larry Denomie III presented the CEO Report for November. There is a push by the Federal government to require Early childhood teachers to obtain a bachelor's degree prior to teaching and for those already teaching to obtain one in a specific amount of time. On October 5, 2007, CEO Denomie participated in a Head Start Focus Group intended to gather input from Tribal Communities throughout the State for this purpose. An advertisement soliciting interests in leasing the KBIC Tire facility will be placed in the upcoming edition of the L'Anse Sentinel, requesting letters of interest by December 15, 2007. A report will be prepared for Tribal Council after that date. The Weed and Seed Coordinator has been offered to Christopher Gerard. The granting agency has final approval on this position. Jerry

Lee Curtis has accepted the offered position of Administrator for the Substance Abuse Programs. He began his duties on November 20, 2007. At the November 29, 2007, meeting, Council motioned to offer Becky Tussing the Associate Director position for the Health Center. On November 16, 2007, Council passed a motion to fund the Ojibwa Community College for an additional semester. Included in the motion was a directive to work with OCC President Debbie Parrish to look into offering classes through accredited institutions at OCC. A meeting with Parrish is planned for December 3, 2007. The Ojibwa Senior's renovation project has reached the point where meals need to be prepared at an alternate location. Beginning December 10, 2007, meals will be served at the Community Center located behind the Tribal Center. Council authorized capital expenditures to update and renovate the Casino Hotel. The process has begun and will continue throughout the month of December. The pool and spa will be closed for repairs and renovation for a period during this month. CEO Denomie thanked the Government Christmas Party Committee for all the hard work they have done for the Annual party to be held this evening (December 1, 2007).

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for November 2007. During the month of November, Council held one regular meeting and five special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on November 3, 2007, and is reported in the December 2007 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 6, 2007: agreed to have the President send a letter to the L'Anse and Baraga schools requesting information on Title VII and to request a meeting with Lynn Ketola and the School Administrators; approved resolution KB1586-2007 Referendum request for Primary Elections; approved Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards for Tribal employees and committee members; approved the contract with Assistant Tribal Attorney Heather Chapman; approved the contract with Growth Strategies Consulting; approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Bay Mills Community College for the Immersion Program; selected the Weed and Seed Coordinator. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 8, 2007: approved meeting minutes for October 1, 2007; approved resolutions—KB1581-2007 Joyce Field Recreational Lease, KB1582-2007 Donald Messer Residential Lease, KB1583-2007 Jennifer Heath Residential Lease, KB1587-2007 Sally B. Michaelson Recreational Lease, KB1588-2007 Indian Child Welfare Act Committee By-Laws, KB1590-2007 United Tribes of Michigan Membership; approved Participation Games slot removals and installations; approved 15 individuals and five alternates for TSI; approved sending a letter to the BIA to request an additional \$10,000 for TSI; approved a timber marking class; held the third reading of the Child Support/Paternity Ordinance 2007-03; approved the Child Support/Paternity Ordinance 2007-03; approved the services agreement with Opus Technologies for online reservation service; approved the construction contract with Haataja Trunk'n for the Pequaming Water and Sewer Extension Project; approved the services agreements with Barbara Nolan and Rhonda Hopkins for Immersion classes; approved a \$1300 donation to Brian Rantanen; held hearing Case #005-07 and suspended the commissioner for two weeks. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 16, 2007: approved meeting minutes from October 2 and 6, 2007; agreed to continue the Ojibwa Community College through the Spring semester, work with President Parrish on the budgets and continue to work on accreditation with other colleges; approved an additional \$10,000 for the employee Christmas party budget; increased the Tribal Maintenance budget to hire a seasonal employee for snowplowing; approved the 2007 registered voters list; approved Associate Tribal Judge candidate Violet Friisvall Ayres; approved the following 2007 Tribal Council candidates—(Baraga) Fred Dakota, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Charles Loonsfoot Sr., James Loonsfoot, Elizabeth Mayo, Debra Williamson, (L'Anse) Joseph Dowd, Michael LaFernier Sr., Toni Minton, JoAnne Racette, Donald Stolp Sr.; donated \$1550 to KBIC Head Start for their Christmas party; approved an airline ticket for Recovery Request #001-2007; amended the services agreement of Rhonda Hopkins for Immersion classes; hired Jerry Lee Curtis as Substance Abuse Programs Administrator; approved an emergency medical request for Myrtle Tolonen. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 21, 2007: denied the appeal/request of Carrie Ashbrook to place her name as a candidate in the L'Anse District for the 2007 election. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 29, 2007: donated \$2500 to the Baraga American Legion for Christmas packages for active military personnel; agreed to hold a smoke free Christmas party for Government employees; approved the following

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resolutions—KB1575-2007 BIA Contracts application for January 2007-December 2010, KB1577-2007 Tanya Sherman residential lease, KB1578-2007 Denise Cadeau residential lease, KB1579-2007 Charles Loonsfoot Jr. residential lease, KB1580-2007 Richard LaFernier recreational lease, KB1585-2007 Elderly Nutrition and Caregivers grant application; KB1589-2007 Department of Justice GREAT Program grant application, KB1592-2007 Baraga 2% distribution, KB1593-2007 Marquette 2% distribution; approved the sales contract with Qubica for an automatic bowling scoring system; approved the Native American Progressive System Agreement with IGT; approved November donations totaling \$12,650; offered Becky Tussing the Associate Health Director position.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for November 2007. The second of two yearly 2% distributions were made to local units of government per our 1993 consent judgment. The amount distributed for our Baraga Casino was \$159,353.74 and the Marquette Casino was \$192,950.86. Calculations were based on the net win of class III gaming or slot machines. Breakdowns are as follows: (Baraga) Baraga County—\$34,214.08, Baraga School District—\$41,190.21, Baraga Township—\$13,782.42, Baraga Village—\$10,595.31, L'Anse School District—\$20,558.08, L'Anse Township—\$2,317.28, L'Anse Village—\$1,696.36, Baraga Village/Baraga Fire Dept.—\$10,000.00, Township of Baraga/Bay Ambulance—\$25,000.00, (Marquette) City of Marquette/Native American Student Assoc.—\$14,000.00, Sands Township/Sands Township Fire Department— \$11,400.00, City of Marquette/Marquette County History Museum—\$12,500.00, West Branch Township/West Branch Community Center—\$20,000.00, Chocolay Township—\$35,000.00, City of Marquette/The Women's Center—\$10,000.00, Marquette County/Various Programs—\$90,050.86. Our 8% payments were made during November. These payments are made pursuant to the 2000 Consent Judgment or stipulation that was entered into between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the State of Michigan in order to keep our Marquette Casino open. The Marquette Casino amount was \$771,803.43. The Baraga Casino amount was \$637,414.91; however, this amount is offset by \$72,742.48 for the vehicle use tax reimbursements and the amount sent was \$564,672.43. Fifteen requests were received for the November donations meeting, seven of these were granted. Donations for the month of November were as follows: Toys for Tots—\$5,000.00, Salvation Army—\$5,000.00, Baraga Fire Department for the Annual Christmas Party—\$500.00, Breanna Pearson (assistance to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp)—\$300.00, California Nations Indian Gaming Foundation (aid to Tribes affected by the fires)-\$500.00, American Cancer Society-\$1,000.00, Build the Dream National Memorial Foundation (Memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr).-\$250.00, Save the Wild UP (Donation of an auction item)—up to \$100.00. accounting staff has been preparing for the annual audit. Auditors will be here this week to begin the audit for both the enterprises and the government. Treasurer Misegan indicated that she is confident that this audit will go well, as we have a very hardworking, competent staff. A Community meeting to review the Tribe's finances had been planned but after much consideration Council has decided to mail a report to tribal members. Our CFO, Francis Hosh LaPointe and Treasurer Misegan are working on this report to insure our members get the same true and correct information.

Council received questions from the audience. Deb Parrish (KBIC member and Ojibwa Community College President) who was present asked numerous questions of the Council. Parrish asked, "How much was the cost of those Immersion service agreements for Barb Nolan and those other ones?" Secretary Toni Minton replied, "\$30,000 for one full year." Parrish asked, "Why was Carrie Ashbrook's application denied?" President Susan LaFernier replied, "Because Marquette is not addressed in the Constitution." Parrish asked, "How much are the Council Stipends?" Treasurer Jennifer Misegan replied, "\$250 and those who are employed by the Tribe deduct their wages from the stipend so there is no double dipping." Parrish asked, "How much was allocated in the past year for Council's Stipends in the budget?" Misegan replied, "\$200,000 for FY'07 and \$140,000 was spent on Council stipends. The entire Council budget is \$850,000 and it includes the senior heating, the newsletter, \$200,000 for donations, employee activities (such as the Christmas party, turkey & hams), wages for the president and the recording secretary, the Wellness Program at the Health Dept. (tobacco patches, chantix), and travel." Parrish asked, "How many budgets receive tribal support?" Misegan and Minton both replied—Quite a few, almost all. There are very few programs that don't receive Tribal Support. Parrish asked, "How many grants do you fund? I'm just talking about the tribal support programs?" Misegan replied, "Off the top of my head, I don't know." Parrish asked, "You have a number of grants, some do not require matching funds though?" Misegan replied, "Right, there aren't many of those." Parrish asked, "Do you know if any of those grants were over-spent in this past year?" Misegan replied, "I looked to see who was over-spent so far and there were two. New Day had some revenue problems, and the College was overspent." Parrish asked, "So what is the time frame for adjusting those budgets?" Misegan replied, "A memo was sent out from the accounting office before the end of the fiscal year with a deadline of October." Parrish asked, "How can you make corrections with a deadline of this month?" President LaFernier replied, "They have not closed this year." Parrish asked, "All the purchase requests submitted before September 30th, will those be paid?" Misegan replied, "They have all been entered and allocated to FY'07. were some problems with some of the ones you submitted. The grant was already closed." Parrish stated, "I submitted one on September 26th and it did not get to Dawn's office until October 31st." Treasurer Jennifer indicated that she would find out the dates for her. Jennifer stated, "Thank you, those were good questions. That's all information that has been out there that's been incorrect."

Jim St. Arnold of GLIFWC (KBIC member) gave a wonderful presentation on GLIFWC's new Anishinaabe Atlas. The Atlas has a very user friendly CD that offers not only territories, rivers, lakes, streams but includes birds, animals and more within their Ojibwa dictionary. A click of the mouse and a speaker pronounces the correct pronunciation for the Ojibwa word regarding that topic and includes a description in both Ojibwa and English. This CD program will be available in the L'Anse Library, Baraga Library, Ojibwa Community Library, the Ojibwa Community College, and many other locations within the Community. This program is available for purchase from GLIFWC at cost by visiting their website www.glifwc.org.

Council passed resolution KB1594-2007, an Annual WUPPDR report and KB1595-2007, a Keweenaw Trail resolution whereas the KBIC is dedicated to the preservation and growth of year round tourism in the Keweenaw peninsula and is concerned with the future economic vitality in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties and supports the preservation of all abandoned railroad grades (across the State of Michigan) as trail corridors as vital to the growth of Michigan's tourism industry. KBIC supports preserving abandoned railroad grade corridors for interim and long term use as public trails and supports the Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in their efforts in this matter.

Council reviewed three bids for a new plow truck for maintenance as the senior plowing is to remain in-house. William E. Emery made a motion to make purchase of the plow truck from the bid of Thomas Ford Motors, supported by Michael F. LaFernier Sr., ten supported, one opposed (Elizabeth *Popcorn Mayo*), 0 abstaining, motion carried. Mayo stated her opposition was due to the fact that it would have been more cost effective to hire out the senior plowing on contract.

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#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA

(Effective October 1, 2007)

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Computation of Income Eligibility Standards—The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and standard deduction amounts used for the appropriate State.

Income Deductions—see 7

CFR 2.536(f)

**Dependant Care Deduction** — The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is \$200 for dependant children under two years of age, and \$175 for all other dependants.

of their earned income. Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent

**Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums** — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

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#### OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPRING SEMESTER 2008



Boozhoo and welcome to our new and continuing students! We wish you the best in the new year. The spring semester officially begins on Monday, January 7, 2008. Orientation for new students will be held on Thursday, January 3, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. All new freshmen and family

members are encouraged to attend.

Registration will be held at that time, and students will receive their student handbooks, catalog, and other pertinent information. Student ID's will be available along with scheduling for placement testing. You must present your Student ID to utilize the KBOCC Fitness Center, Library computer lab, and participate in some college related activities. Books will be available the first day of class. Returning students can register at any time. The drop/add deadline is Friday, January 18, 2008. For admissions information and ID's, contact Zena Huhta at 353-4604. For financial aid and student computer accounts contact Liz Julio at 353-4605. Faculty advising is available throughout the week. For transfer credit information, call Kristin Tepsa at 353-4602.

All students who have completed their program requirements this Fall and those who anticipate completing this Spring or Summer must complete an application for graduation. Please meet with your advisor and contact Kristin Tepsa, Dean of Instruction and Student Services, for review of your degree audit.

We would like to welcome our newest adjunct faculty members, Dr. Frank Underdown, math instructor, and Gail Juntunen, early childhood education instructor. Faculty will meet with students during scheduled office hours in the Adjunct Faculty Office located at the College's main campus at 111 Bear Town Road. Mary DeLine will be available to assist students on completion of their CDA certification. Welcome back Joe Dowd, Deb Schultz, Violet Friisvall Ayres, Tim Brennan, Jay Loonsfoot, JoAnne Racette, Melissa Hronkin, Frank Taddeucci, and Bob Zasadnyj.

The pottery course will be held at the Fine Arts Studio in the KBOCC Annex at 325 Superior Avenue, in Baraga. The Ojibwa beadwork course will be held at the Library/ Science Center. Early Childhood Education classes will be held at the main campus or at the Library/Science Center. All other classes will be held at the main campus on Bear Town Road.

We are still moving forward with the accreditation process, but we cannot submit the preliminary information form until we have approval of the budget and resolution from the Tribal Council. We also met with staff from NMU to discuss our transfer credit agreements and potential course offerings here. We will also be continuing discussion with MTU and Finlandia University on similar collaborations.

OCC's Opening Ceremony will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 11:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. OCC is open to the public. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

#### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

#### **Gerald John Connors**

(September 22, 1931 - November 28, 2007)

Gerald John Connors, age 76, of Zeba, passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at the Baraga County Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit. Gerald was born on September 22, 1931, in Odanah, Wisconsin, the son of the late Joseph and Julia (Barbano) Connors. Gerald lived in Milwaukee for 50 years working for the Rose Company as a welder and then for the Alexian Village retirement community. Gerald married the former Mary Emery in 1970, in Zion, IL. In 1996, he retired and moved to Zeba.

He was a member of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins, KBIC, and the Ojibwa Seniors. Gerald loved his dogs. The family would also like to thank the nurses and staff at the long term care unit at the hospital.

Surviving are his son, Patrick Connors of Chassell; brothers Joseph, James, and Michael Connors; sisters Barbara Connors and Lorraine (Ken) Berger all of Milwaukee; several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death is his wife Mary in 2001; brothers Bernard and Glenn Connors; sisters Helen Connors and Margaret Harbour.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, December 2, 2007, at the Jacobson Funeral Home. Fr. George Maki officiated. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family with arrangements.

#### Margaret M. Ross

(April 24, 1923 - December 6, 2007)

Margaret M. Ross, age 84, of Baraga, passed away suddenly Thursday, December 6, 2007, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. Margaret was born April 24, 1923, in L'Anse, the daughter of the late Hector and Helen (DeCota) Morin. Marge attended school in L'Anse and later completed two years of college. She married Leonard Eugene Potter, and he preceded her in death in 1962. She then married Dennis (Mike) Ross. He died in 1988. Margaret was a member of KBIC and active in numerous civic affairs, including the tribal council. She was a strong believer in learning and education and taught for the L'Anse-Baraga Head Start program and later for the KBIC Head Start program. Her first love was the welfare of her family, and their needs overshadowed all her other activities. She was an avid reader, loved to garden, and kept busy with civic interests.

Margaret is survived by her loving family, sons James Potter of Baraga, Kenneth (Sandra) Potter of Everett, WA., Blaine Ross of Baraga, daughter Robbie (Michael Cornelius) of Hancock, grandchildren Robert, Sean, Dacota, Tanya and Susie; step-daughter Carole (Robert) Carlson and step-son Gene (Marilyn) Ross both of Baraga; step-grandchildren Roxanne, Tammy, Murray and Nicole; sister Mary Walker of Baraga, sister-in-law Darlene Morin of L'Anse. Numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives also survive.

A memorial funeral service for Margaret was held Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse. Judy Mattson officiated. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family suggests memorials to the Little Brothers' Friends of the Elderly or the Ojibwa Community Library. Envelopes are available at the funeral chapel. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel assisted the family with arrangements. Margaret's obituary may also be viewed and condolences offered at www.rfsc.net.

#### **RoseMary Shulstad**

(May 22, 1914 – December 13, 2007)

RoseMary Shulstad, age 93, of Baraga, passed away suddenly Thursday, December 13, 2007, at home. RoseMary was born May 22, 1914, in Baraga, the daughter of the late Peter A. and Rosalie (Robillard) Magnant. RoseMary graduated from Baraga High School in 1931. RoseMary married Herbert Shulstad at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Ml. He preceded her in death in 1994. She was employed by the public school system as a secretary until her retirement. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Baraga, Lady Foresters, Order of St. Francis, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and a former Altar Society member. RoseMary enjoyed playing cards, going to Bingo, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and reading. She was an avid sports fan, particularly basketball and the Pistons. She was also active in church activities.

Mrs. Shulstad is survived by her loving daughters, Pauline (Al) Goodreau of Baraga and Kathleen (Robert) Acton of Howell, Ml., 14 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and sister, Jeanne Lambert of Crandon, Wl. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Rosalie Waara, brothers, Peter, Edward, and John, and sisters, Cecilia, Pauline, and Kathleen.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, December 17, 2007, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, in Baraga. Father George Maki officiated with Father Thomas Schmied cocelebrant. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.

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#### AABINOOJIIYENS



Meet Hailee Maki, born 11/13/07, to Lacy Hollon and Tim Maki. Hailee was 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches at birth.



Meet Chase Aaron Fredrickson, born 11/22/07 to Donna Whitebird and Stanley Fredrickson. Chase weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long.

#### **Notice to Public:**

Inclement Weather Policy

This facility follows the Baraga Area Schools closing policy. When school is cancelled in Baraga, **the Youth facility** *is closed*.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will not be responsible for any injuries occurring when the building is closed, or unsupervised. No one under 18 is allowed in the facility, unless accompanied by an adult.

Please call 353-4643, or 4644 if any questions. Miigwetch for your cooperation! ~ Youth Facility Staff



#### Anishinaabe Anokii

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Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908

> Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor

Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

#### MARQUETTE RESIDENTS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On Sunday, December 2, 2007, the Marquette KBIC Senior Citizen's Party was held at the Ojibwa Housing Authority Community Building. Both Marquette and several Baraga Senior Citizens ate the wonderful prepared meal which included turkey, ham and all the fixings. To top off the party, the younger generation Jenna Loos, Kristina Misegan, Shawn Duquette, Kylee Bressette, Savannah Seymour, Autumn and Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila sang traditional Christmas songs. Autumn Ashbrook-Pietila played the chipmunk song on her flute. Each senior citizen received a homemade cedar wreath, cedar candle arrangement or a poinsettia to take home with them and all attendees received a special coffee mug.

The Marquette KBIC Teen Party was a dance held at the Ojibwa Housing Community Building on Friday, December 7, 2007. The teens danced to to-day's hip music chosen by disc jockeys Glen Jr. and Travis Bressette. The evening brought comedy thrilling entertainment when the teens played musical chairs and Limbo. The night was a great success!

The UP Children's Museum was the location for the Marquette Youth Christmas Party held on Sunday, December 9, 2007. The children enjoyed the wide variety of kid friendly stations through-out the museum including a table to make a craft to take home. Children were able to enjoy in the beautician area having their nails and/or face painted. In the snake area, plain sugar cookies to eat were available along with a big bucket of frosting.

All the way from the North Pole, Santa visited with each child, handing out presents and goody bags filled with special treats to enjoy. A big thank you to Officer Tony Carrick for his help on keeping the party safe.

Chi Miigwetch to all the wonderful volunteers who assisted with the Youth, Teen and Senior Citizens' Christmas Parties: Adrian Abbott; Terry Abbott-Brandon; Lisa Aisthorpe; Carrie, Keith, Autumn and Neebin Ashbrook; Lois Badell; Polly Beauchamp; Glen Sr., Jody and Amber Bressette; Glen Jr., Kylee and Travis Bressette; Michelle Large; Linda Bressette; Sandy "Lou" Bressette; Patti Brown; Amber and Stefanee Carlisle; Cathy Cote; Melanie Durant; Shawn Duquette; Harley Finnerty; Betty Gardner; Connie Hemmila; Shirl Keating; Jeena Loos; Jackie Madosh; Shelly Malay; Lee Madosh; Pete Madosh Jr.; John, Sharon and Kristina Misegan; Kyle Perry; Clifford Peterson; Michelle Adams; Roy Peterson; Theda Ritara; Tina Romero; Charlene and Adriana Ruiz; Mackenzie and Savannah Seymour; Dale, Tracie, Shane and Ciara Shalifoe; Cally, Carmen and Jeffrey Tolonen; David Tousignant; Deb Williamson; and to all the people who brought a dish to share, all the parents who helped keep watch over the children and a special miigwetch to Santa. (Pictures continued on page six.)

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# MARQUETTE CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

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#### KEWEENAW BAY CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

The KBIC Children's' Christmas parties were held at the Niiwin Akeea Community Center on Saturday, December 8, 2007, at 12-4 pm for ages 0-11 and 8-12 pm for ages 12-18. The children and their families enjoyed a delicious meal, participated in cake walks, had a chance to have their face painted, and each had the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. Teenagers participated in many games of bingo with the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes. All youth received a bag of candy and a special present. The teenagers received a \$25 gift card. Special milgwetch to all who donated snacks for the party.

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#### **KBIC YOUTH CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

#### **Volunteers for October 2007**

KBIC Halloween Party. Without their assistance on these events, we could not have held them! Chi Miigwetch.

Danielle Kent

Joseph Spruce

Theresa Massie

**Brent Geroux** 

Lindsey Loonsfoot

Candy Kemppainen

#### **Individual Volunteers:**

Mary Jossens - made sloppy joes for Halloween party Charlie Gauthier – cut corn stalks for party Joe Robillard – donated hay bales and corn stalks Bill & Lori Muhlig- donated glow mouthpieces for Halloween Dance

#### **Food Donations:**

MTU AISES Chapter Tracy Emery Sheila Ekdahl Dianna Veker/Loretta Hugo Stephanie Bushong (AISES) Debbie Williamson Sydni Voakes Lori Picard Heather Chosa Bill Jondreau **Amy Manning** Bill Muhlig Decorating:

Lori Muhlig Nannie Beck Matt Beck Teri Curtis

Shanna DeCota Haven Curtis Jen Lister Elli Nieskes Liz Julio Nannie Beck Bucki Jondreau Teri DeCota Mary Messer Carole LaPointe Tina Durant Mark Miller

Mary Jossens

Doreen Blaker

Pauline Spruce

Miranda Voakes

Jimi Welsh

Rea Spruce

Lucas Julio

Teri Curtis

Ceil Chosa

**Becky Genschow** 

Jacki Jossens

**Chaperones:** 

Wes Curtis

Ashley Beck

Kassidey Beck

Roni Jossens

Lynelle Sutherland Helene Curtis Michelle Miller Kelly Shelifoe Tammy Seymour (Marquette group-Tot Party)

Brian Wilder

Coaching/Open Gym: Marty Curtis

**September Volunteers and Donations 2007** 

Pete Olson- made 4 fringers for regalia class Gerry Mantila - donated material for Pink Shawls

#### **Chaperones:**

#### **MTU AISES Students Back to School Dance**

Over \$400.00 was raised and donated to Paul Pouttu, KBIC member and MTU AISES student, for incurring medical bills related to an illness he has.

#### Monetary Donations for this quarter (August/Sept/Oct) Mike LaFernier

Carlson Family Francis LaPointe Family

- \*A special thanks to: Charlie Gauthier, Dawn Alexander and Tim Kohn (cleaning staff at the Niiwin Akeea Center), and Lauri Denomie—photographer.
- \*If your name has been omitted, we apologize. You can correct us by calling the Youth Office at 353-4643! Please ask for the volunteer/donation sheet when you volunteer or donate items~ it helps us keep track of your time and efforts! Miigwetch!

#### OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS RECEIVES THANKSGIVING COOKBOOK AND SONGS





Prior to their regularly scheduled noontime meal, on Wednesday, November 21, 2007, the Ojibwa Senior Citizens were presented with a wonderful cookbook from their special visitors-Mrs. Hayrynen's Kindergarten Class (Baraga Area Schools/ Pelkie Learning Center). To begin the celebration season of Thanksgiving, the children performed a short musical presentation consisting of a number of songs with their teacher accompanying them on the

piano. Everyone definitely was delighted by the music of the children whose songs consisted of — Boozhoo; Oh Beautiful; You Are my Sunshine; Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star; I've Got a Joy; The Alphabet Song; The Wheels on the Bus; Make New Friends; This Little Light of Mine; Over the River and Through the Woods. Following the presentation, the children shared pizza with the senior citizens.

#### Tribal Council Releases Report on Title VII Program

The Tribal Council has released a report that was recently submitted to them regarding the Title VII Program from Special Program's Director, Lynn Ketola.

#### Report to Tribal Council on the Title VII Program

#### Background

This program has been administered through the L'Anse and Baraga Area Schools for well over thirty years. The program pays for a Home and School Coordinator, a half-time teacher aide at the middle school in Baraga and a portion of a certified counselor in L'Anse.

The Official definition of Title VII programming is as follows: Indian Education is a Federal Program, now under Title VII, whose purpose is to support the efforts of Local Education Agencies, Indian tribes, post-secondary institutions, and other entities to meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of the American Indian and Alaskan Native students so that such students can meet the same challenging state student achievements standards as all other students are expected to meet. Therefore the main purpose of the funding is that our Native American students meet academic state standards as compared to the Non-Native student. This program is under "No Child Left Behind" as are other academic programs such as Title 1 funding. ındina

Based on student count and to be eligible a student must be an enrolled member or have a parent or grandparent who is an enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe.

A teacher from the school district and a student are also members of the Title VII committee. Currently we have two parents from each district. The L'Anse and Baraga superintendents also attend the meetings when time allows.

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A Title VII Committee oversees the program.
Mary Dee Shanahan—Chairperson
Suzanne Kakkonen—Vice Chairperson
Kathy Mayo—Secretary
One position to be filled
Michelle Serafin—Teacher
Taylor Drift—L'Anse student
Ashtin Koski—Baraga student

#### Needs assessment

The **entire school student body test scores** are reviewed for each district. This constitutes reviewing over 1400 students' grades, disciplinary referrals, and attendance records. This information is not public knowledge and only accessible to school employees who are designated.

How we maintain teaching our Ojibwe language and Culture

The bilingual program addresses the cultural needs and field trips such as the one held on October 26th, at Michigan Tech where the Title VII and the Alternative Students attended a Native Speakers' forum. Each year we have offered a powwow in the schools.

Donald Stolp has been hired to teach Ojibwe language and Culture. We intend to have Donald conduct an after school program and as time allows to go into the entire school classroom to teach all the children about the culture.

#### Nearby Title VII programs/tribal groups

We have researched other programs and find that volunteers, 2% funding requests from the tribe and JOM funds, address culture needs. Often tutors are funded through a combination of Title VII funding and other grants the school systems have such as Title 1.

For example in Watersmeet, the program pays for a counselor. The tribe pays for a home and school coordinator position. In Brimley, funding has been decreasing, and they now have two teacher aides for tutoring. They have a teacher who teaches Native Culture but also is a public school teacher and teaches other non-native classes paid by the district. Sault Ste. Marie, has home school coordinators and the tribe pays for different cultural activities and an after school program.

In Escanaba, the program provides tutoring for all grades, the coordinator does cultural art classes in some of the classrooms once a year, such as third grade would create a leather pouch and all students in the class participate and the tribe pays for the supplies and volunteers do the preparation for the class. In Superior, Wisconsin, there is one home school coordinator and culture classes are offered at lunch recess for all students at the elementary school. The local tribe uses JOM funds to have drum practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the high school students who have passing grades only.

Unallowable costs for the program are such items as: student banquets, student dinners or ceremonies, individual student incentives or stipends, parent stipends, basic transportation costs, or vehicle purchases.

To offer Ojibwe language instruction and culture under Title VII is not the objective or purpose of Title VII funding. If this were so, then all of the other programs would only offer language instruction instead of the tutoring and counseling they now offer. Language and culture are placed within the realm of other classes these public school districts already offer such as art. Classes are offered during recess, etc. and to all students but not paid with Title VII funds.

With all due respect, the people requesting the change are elders not the parents of the program children. The superintendents and myself had requested a meeting with a committee of the Tribal elders versus all of the elders, and we were turned down. We did make a good faith effort to find out if there were some avenues we could take to address any issues the group had. I am under state grant constraints with the funding I have for Ojibwe, but we are lucky to still be receiving this funding.

I hope this creates more understanding for Tribal Council on this worth-while program. Lynn Ketola.

Larry Denomie, KBIC's CEO, stated, "each school received approximately \$55,000 for school year 07-08, this amount changes yearly."



#### **KBIC YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTED**

A new KBIC Youth Council was elected on December 8, 2007, prior to the teen Christmas Party. Twenty-eight voters came out to cast their votes for Tashina Emery—president, Angelica Bogda-Vice President, Deanna Varline-Secretary, and Ethan Smith-Treasurer. The next Youth Council meeting will be Monday, January



7, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. All youth are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 353-4644, if you need a ride to the Youth center.

#### Remembering Our Veteran's During the Holidays





On December 16, 2007, KBIC Veteran Color Guard bagged up approximately 200 holiday gift packages for fellow veteran's who are residents at the Jacobetti Veteran's Center in Marquette, Michigan, or who are hospitalized in local facilities. The Color Guard delivered their packages which consisted of oranges, apples, bananas, candy, calendars, gloves, stamps, cards, and pens to the hospitalized veterans on December 17, 2007. Pictured (left) is Shine Miller as he opens one of his gifts from his package which was presented by Roger Bodga of Zeba.

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#### January 2008

Notice: The Niiwin Akeea Center will be unavailable for day time use, between 6:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. for 40 days (Michigan Department of Corrections will being using the facility for new prison officer training). Dates limited use will occur are: January 14—February 22, 2008 and April 7-April 18, 2008. Please call the Youth Office at 353-4643 or 353-4644, to schedule your activities during this time. Miigwetch for your cooperation during this time.

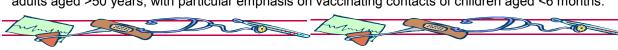
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Please contact newsletter@k Events are more detailed FYI to-date event listing, please on calendar. For Youth even	KBIC are welcome to be listed. ibic.nsn.gov to list your event. within the newsletter. For up- visit www.ojibwa.com and click nts (underlined) please contact of Club, or 353-4644 for the facil-	1 <u>No open gym</u> Happy New Year—Tribal Gov't Offices closed.	2	3 6:30 pm Violin Lesson	4	5
6	7 6 pm KBIC Youth Council Meeting	8	9	10 6:30 pm Violin Lesson	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 <u>6:30 pm Violin Lesson</u>	18 DHHS Women's Re- treat	19 DHHS Women's Retreat
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Tribal Gov't Offices closed.	22	23	24 6:30 pm Violin Lesson	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 6:30 pm Violin Lesson	Violin Lessons by Chelse preneur. Thursday evenir room at KBIC Youth Niiwi 353-8222 for appointment.	ngs @ 6:30 pm, media n Akeea Center. Call

#### **INFLUENZA VACCINE 2007/2008**

Vaccinations are available on a walk-in basis, but scheduled appointments are encouraged. Non-native household contacts are also eligible for vaccination at the KBIC Medical Clinic. For more information please call 353-8700.

#### Annual vaccination against influenza is recommended for:

- all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting influenza to others;
- all children aged 6–59 months (i.e., 6 months–4 years);
- all persons aged >50 years;
- children and adolescents (aged 6 months—18 years) receiving long-term aspirin therapy who therefore might be at risk for experiencing Reyes syndrome after influenza virus infection;
- women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- adults and children who have chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (except hypertension), renal, hepatic, hematological or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
- adults and children who have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus);
- adults and children who have any condition (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders) that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration;
- residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities;
- health-care personnel;
- healthy household contacts (including children) and caregivers of children aged <5 years and adults aged >50 years, with particular emphasis on vaccinating contacts of children aged <6 months.



#### **IWKE** —

The Women's (lwke) Retreat will be held on January 18 an 19, 2007, in Alberta. You must preregister to attend. To register and/or for more information call Heather Wood at 353-4546.





#### Need An Attorney?

MLS may be able to help with your case in Tribal Court. MLS attorneys can handle the following types of cases:

• child welfare • eviction • other matters

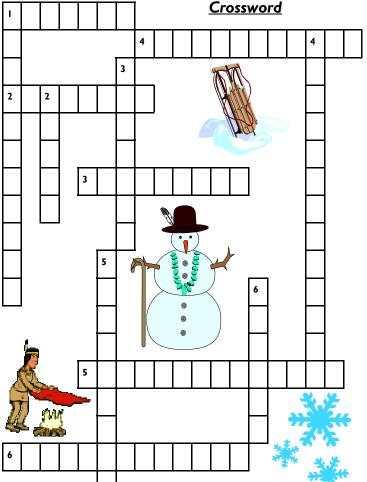
The service will be available and free to those individuals who meet income eligibility and other requirements.



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#### **OJIBWEMOWIN**

Gichi Manidoo Giizis — Great Spirit Moon — January



#### **Word List**

gisinaa zhakipon mamaangadepon ishpaagonagaa goon inini biboonodaabaan

dakaji naadinise biindigenise boodawe awazo giizhooshin

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#### Across

- 1 it is cold (weather)
- 2 there is heavy wet snow falling
- 3 go get firewood
- 4 bring firewood inside
- 5 sleigh
- 6 snowing in large flakes

#### Down

- 1 lie in warmth
- 2 warm oneself by the fire
- 3 build a fire
- 4 deep snow
- 5 snowman
- 6 get a chill

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#### The language page is designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next…



Tina Durant Call @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Cen-

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



#### Keweenaw Bay **Indian Community Employment Opportunities**

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact: KBIC Per-

sonnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or ViSit http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm

#### On Call positions:

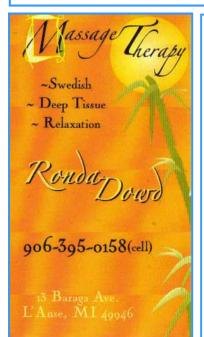
- \* LPN
- \* Unit Manager \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Child Care Provider
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker

#### IS THERE A METH LAB IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

#### Watch for:

- unusual chemical smells
- inappropriate ventilation; windows open in winter
- blacked-out windows
- excessive garbage
- many visitors who stay especially at night





#### OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY -

The library has received the following: Civics and Citizenship Toolkit, A Collection of Educational Resources for Immigrants. This will be extreme helpful for people seeking US citizenship.

November 19, 2007, the morning and afternoon KBIC Head Start classes visited the library. November was National American Indian Heritage Month. The library held a drawing for the DVD Into the West and the book The Trail of Tears. Cindy Curtis won the DVD and Shawnee Maki won the book. Congratulations Cindy and Shawnee.

The library has a laminating machine. The cost is \$.50 a foot.

~ Mary Bergerson, Librarian



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#### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community DRUG TIP LINE

If you know of the sale or use of illegal drugs in our community, please let us

Our community needs your help.

If you choose to leave a message, it will be recorded onto an answering machine in the office of the Chief of Police.

Your name will remain confidential unless you choose otherwise.

Sponsored by the KB Drug Task Force and the KB Tribal Police be a lifesaver...call.

**353-DRUG** (3784)

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To be added to the mailing correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext.





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# Happy Valentine's Day GIIKENDAAM CHIWIKWEGAMAC



All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Namebini Giizis - Sucker Fish Moon - February 2008 Issue 44

#### **Tribal Council Members:**

Susan J. LaFernier, President

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**Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews** 

**Jerry Lee Curtis** 

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- January 5, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- Special run-off election results
- Gerard hired as Weed and Seed Coordinator
- 4th Winter Traditional Pow-wow
- 5th Annual Women's Retreat
- Understanding Impact Aid Funds
- KBIC Language Drum Social held
- Our Deepest Sympathy
- Aabinoojiiyens
- Ojibwemowin

#### January 5, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on January 5, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan.

Susan LaFernier presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Toni Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council. Council approved the meeting minutes for November 3, 2007, November 6, 2007, November 8, 2007, September 2, 2005, September 6, 2005, and Department Head reports for November 2007.

Susan LaFernier reported in the President's Report, that the Government Employee Christmas party held on December 1, 2007, was a success and she thanked the new Christmas party committee for a job well done and for the wonderful Pendleton plandard than the state of the strike of th



Above (left) President LaFernier swears in (right) Violet M. Friisvall Ayres for her fourth (2000, 2001, 2004, 2007) consecutive term as the Associate Tribal Judge for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Ayres ran unchallenged on the ballot in the December 15, 2007, KBIC Tribal Elections. Ayres was first elected in February 2000, to fill the vacancy within a three-year term. (photo courtesy of Larry Denomie)

ners they presented to all of the tribal council members. We were entertained by many of our talented employees, who sang at the Christmas party. Twenty tribal employees were honored for their service from ten to thirty-five years, and our Tribal Police and Conservation Departments were honored for their brave service to our communities. President LaFernier also thanked those who planned and prepared for the Casino, Youth, and Senior Christmas parties. On December 3, 2007, Council met with Debbie Parrish, OCC President, members of the Board of Regents and OCC staff for a continued discussion on the college. There have been many good suggestions made, and President LaFernier indicated that she believed a decision to finalize plans regarding the college would be made by Council later that week. On December 4, 2007, President LaFernier participated in an IHS TAB (Tribal Advisory Board) conference call. A consultation meeting with the State of Michigan DEQ concerning the granting of the mining, air use, and groundwater discharge permits was held on December 11, 2007, in Lansing, Michigan. John Baker, Chuck Brumleve, Summer Cohen, Jerry Lee Curtis and President LaFernier met with nine officials of the State and the DEQ. Chuck Brumleve and Summer Cohen presented the technical and cultural issues on behalf of our community. The DEQ announced on December 14, 2007, that they approved these permits to conduct mining operations at the pro-

posed Eagle Project mine in the Yellow Dog Plains after volumes of documented research by experts on the hazards were submitted and testimony from concerned citizens and groups opposing the mine and their reasons were heard. There has not been a sulfide mine as of today that has not left the environment contaminated. It is unfortunate that this is how the State will ensure Michigan's future. Also during the week of December 14, 2007, John Baker, Chuck Brumleve, Summer Cohen, Jerry Lee Curtis and President LaFernier, participated in a meeting with the Director of Region V and representatives of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) at the Tribal Center. Before an underground injection control permit can be issued by the EPA, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to take into account the effect of their federal undertakings on properties, and consultation is required. Chuck Brumleve and Summer Cohen presented the technical and cultural issues once again, and there were many questions asked during that visit. Another meeting is planned for March. On January 7, 2008, a consultation meeting with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) is scheduled in Lansing, regarding their decision whether to grant a state land use lease permit for the exclusive use of 120 acres of State public lands for surface mining facilities and portal to the proposed underground mine. Their decision may be made on this permit on January 10, 2008. Please continue to send letters in opposition to their leasing of state lands to Kennecott to the following address: Rebecca Humphries, DNR Director, Dept. of Natural Resources, Executive Division, P.O. Box 30028 Lansing, MI 48909. On December 21, 2007, KBIC, the Huron Mountain Club, and the National Wildlife Federation filed a contested case petition against the DEQ regarding the permits issued. This petition was filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings. The hearing for the sales/use tax case is scheduled for February 5, 2008, in Grand Rapids, to hear the KBIC and the State's motions. Chi Miigwetch to those who came out to vote in the December 15th KBIC elections. We had a 74% turnout. Let's continue to move toward meeting our goal of 100%. The results of this election were certified by Council on December 20, 2007. There will be a special run-off election for the tie (Fred Dakota and Charles "Chuck" Loonsfoot) on January 26, 2008. The reorganization meeting will be held in February. The Tribe has decided to fund the Language Revitalization and Preservation project for the month of January with tribal funds, and the program funding will continue to be reviewed. The ANA grant for this project ended on December 31, 2007, and a second category grant will be submitted in March 2008. We appreciate everyone's work, time and planning to help keep our language alive. President LaFernier reminded everyone to attend the Fourth Winter Traditional Pow-wow on January 26, 2008, being held at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center. A reminder that the new Drug tip line number is 353-DRUG (353-3784). Please call this number if you know of the sale or use of illegal drugs on our reservation or in our communities. Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers who are ill or have lost loved ones especially the families of Margaret Ross, RoseMary Shulstad and Betty Garcia. Please continue prayers for all our men and women in the service.

Larry Denomie III presented the CEO Report for December 2007. The annual Christmas parties for the enterprises and government took place throughout the month. Denomie indicated he wasn't able to attend the enterprise gatherings but did attend the government's on December 1<sup>st</sup>. A notice was sent to enterprise staff thanking them for their commitment and hard work. The period allotted for those interested in the KBIC Tire facility has closed. Three letters were received. All three are interested in operating the facility as a tire shop. Additional contact will be made with those interested to discuss specific details. The Tribal Council will be updated throughout the process. Meetings regarding the Ojibwa Community College continue to take place. On December 3, 2007, information requested of OCC staff was presented including budget requirements, options for council consideration and questions regarding accreditation were posed.

Additional meetings will need to take place to finalize the direction to be set for the college. A new job readiness fund policy was passed by council. The purpose of the fund is to allocate money to individual KBIC Tribal Member job seekers who are in need of assistance in gaining employment or retaining employment. Job seekers may gain assistance up to \$100 per person/once per year for various demands from potential employers in order to be employed. Those interested in the funding may contact Robin Chosa, TERO Director, for more information. The council passed a motion at the December 6, 2007, meeting approving the updated wage compensation structure and allocated \$500,000 toward adjusting all employees onto it. Additional work is being completed to make the transition. To aid in the transition, a work group has been formed to deal with issues that may arise during the transition period. It is hoped that the wage adjustments will be completed within 60 days. Renovations are still in process at the casino hotel. The pool is currently closed and will remain closed for another week or so. The restaurant within the complex closed its doors as Roepers on December 16, 2007. The new lessee is planning on reopening by the end of January. The Pressbox is offering a breakfast menu along with its usual lunch and dinner menu during the transition period.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for December 2007. During the month of December 2007, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on December 1, 2007, and is reported in the January 2008 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on December 6, 2007: approved the meeting minutes for October 18, 2007; agreed to pay for 9-1-1 address signs for tribal members with a new address and to reimburse tribal members who have paid for one of their own; hired election workers for the December 2007 election — Baraga District: Brett Deganaer and Brenda McKittrick, L'Anse District: Diane Charron, Isadore Misegan and Myrtle Tolonen; allocated \$500,000 to adjust the Casino and government wage grid to adjust for market and equity problems; approved a policy change for committee member travel; agreed to have the President sign agreements for stream gauges on the Silver River and the Yellow Dog Plains; approved a 401K plan amendment; approved the TERO Job Readiness Fund Policy; amended the hiring committee bylaws; approved the library budget; approved the Veteran's budget; approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bay Mills Community College for the Immersion Program; donated two drinks per employee at the Baraga and Marquette Casino Christmas parties; approved \$275 for Christmas gifts for the pre-primary program; approved \$2000 for Christmas gifts for veterans at the Jacobetti Center; approved the Eagle Radio Budget. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on December 14, 2007: approved meeting minutes for October 25, 2007; approved resolutions—KB1596-2007 ITC AmeriCorps Indian Tribe Program; approved requests for radios from the Baraga County Tourist Association and the Baraga Fire Department; Directed Debi Williamson to contact Jim St. Arnold to work on the current language grant to discuss which categories we will apply to ANA for future grants; approved the employment agreement of Richard Tuisku "Dick Storm"; upheld the decision of management in Grievance Hearing #006-07. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on December 20, 2007: approved meeting minutes for September 1, 2005; approved the following resolutions — KB1591-2007 Majeski land acquisition, KB1597-2007 Steven Conley residential lease, KB1598-2007 Weed and Seed grant application; certified the 2007 election results and agreed to hold a run-off election for the tie; approved the run-off election timeline; agreed not to swear in the 2007 Council election winners until the run-off election is completed.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for November 2007. Jennifer stated that most of her time this month was spent preparing the Financial Report for fiscal year 2006, that was sent out to each tribal household. This report accurately listed the Tribe's Cash and Investments,

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Liabilities and Assets. (If there are Tribal Members who did not receive this report, please see Peggy Minton at the Tribal Center to obtain a copy.) Once the fiscal year 2007 audit is completed, Treasurer Misegan anticipates that a similar report will be sent out for that year as well. Misegan thanked those who helped prepare the report, especially the Chief Financial Officer, Francis LaPointe, and to those who helped mail it to over 1,800 households, Barbara Mantila, Ginny Ann Jermac, Juliet Ellenich, Jean Clem and Jerri Lynn Duschaine. If there are questions regarding the report, both President LaFernier and Treasurer Misegan are available. Misegan thanked the Council and the Community for allowing her to serve as the Treasurer for this past year and stated she looks forward to continuing to work to make a difference in our Tribe.

In new business, Larry Denomie III presented three bids for a new van to be purchased for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. William E. Emery made a motion to approve the bid from Thomas Ford for \$22,068, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, one opposed (M. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried. Consensus was to purchase from a local dealer, who was not the lowest bidder.

Victor Miron requested permission to extend his time to use his deer tags beyond December 30th, due to a problem he had with his rifle. Discussion occurred regarding what is allowed within the Tribal Code. The Code allows exceptions for community feasts or ceremonies only. Warren C. Swartz Jr. made a motion to approve Victor Miron's request to extend his time to utilize his deer tags, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, four supported (Mayo, Swartz, Curtis, Blaker), seven opposed (Minton, Loonsfoot, Misegan, Denomie, Emery, M. LaFernier, Matthews), 0 abstained, motion defeated.

Diane Chaudier presented the Voters List for Council approval. Warren C. Swartz Jr. made a motion to approve the KBIC's voter list as presented and requested a roll call vote, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Diane Chaudier presented a list of letters received from those community members wishing to serve as election workers. President LaFernier drew workers from a hat. Drawn were Elizabeth John and Myrtle Tolonen for the L'Anse District and Craig Jermac for the Baraga District.

President LaFernier presented a letter from Fred Dakota which requested a copy of the list of voters from the last election (Dec. 15, 2007). The Election Committee had previously denied this request. After some discussion, Elizabeth D. Mayo made a motion to release the information of who voted in the last election to the people who want it, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., six supported (Mayo, Loonsfoot, Minton, Blaker, M. LaFernier, Emery), four opposed (Curtis, Swartz, Misegan, Matthews), one abstained (Denomie), motion carried.

During the Saturday meeting, Violet A. Friisvall Ayres was sworn into her position as the Associate Tribal Judge by President LaFernier. (See picture caption on page one for more information.)

After closed session, council approved the Professional Services Agreement of Dale Schmeisser for the WIC program.

#### Make Your Appointment Now! Senior Citizen Tax Preparation is <u>FREE</u>.

The Tribal Council has contracted with Sally Snyder, Certified Accountant of Ojibwa Housing Authority, to prepare Ojibwa Senior's Taxes for 2007. There will be no charge to the Ojibwa Seniors for this service, and their taxes can be electronically filed.

Seniors are urged to call Sally Snyder at 353-7117 to schedule their tax preparation appointment.

#### KBIC'S SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION RESULTS — FRED DAKOTA ELECTED

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held a special run-off Tribal Election for one Tribal Council seat in the Baraga District on Saturday, January 26, 2008. The run-off election was to break the tie between Fred Dakota and Charles "Chuck" Loonsfoot, Sr. who received 190 votes each in the December 15, 2007, Tribal elections.

Immediately following closing of the polls on Saturday, January 26, 2008, preliminary counts were announced by the election workers: Fred Dakota received 257 votes and Charles "Chuck" Loonsfoot, Sr. received 227 votes. These preliminary results indicate Fred Dakota has secured the three-year seat for the Baraga District. The election results will be presented to the Tribal Council at their February 2, 2008 meeting for certification.

Fred Dakota along with Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo, Michael F. LaFernier Sr. and Toni J. Minton will be sworn into office at the February Saturday Council Meeting on February 2, 2008.

#### **Employee Recognition 2007**

The following employees were recognized by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community at the 2007 Tribal Employee's Christmas Party held Saturday, December 1, 2007, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall.

10 Years of service Juliet Ellenich – Receptionist/Clerk

Ruth Keller – Healthy Start RN

Donna Sackett - Economic Development Clerk

Norma Kokko – Payroll Clerk
Jennifer St. George – Police Sergeant
Richard Geroux – Fitness Instructor
Dale Goodreau – Conservation Sergeant
George DeCota – Fire Prevention Technician

<u>15 Years of service</u> Jesse Forcia -- Certification Worker

Timothy Norczyk – Outpatient Counselor Jeanne Hirzel – New Day Counselor Dale Dakota – Chief of Police Jennifer Misegan – Enrollment Officer

Michelle St. George – Health Benefits Coordinator

16 years of service (inadvertently omitted last year) Bob Zasadnyj – Health

Information System Analyst

20 years of service Brenda Brunk – Medical Records Specialist

Arlan Friisvall – Maintenance Director Victoria Emery – Disbursement Supervisor

<u>25 Years of service</u> Gloria Shalifoe – Cleaning Supervisor <u>35 years of service</u> Debra Parrish – College President

A special presentation honoring our Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Police and Conservation Department was held, for their active involvement in locating a lost hunter. On Wednesday, November 7, 2007, a call went into regional dispatch regarding tribal elder Flovd Forcia. Sr. Seventy-six year old Forcia had been hunting in the Baraga Plains area, and was missing for over 30 hours. The Michigan State Police took the call and located the vehicle, but could not locate Mr. Forcia. Officer Joe Spruce was dispatched to arrive with our K-9 unit, Mia. They met with Conservation Sergeant Dale Goodreau and the Michigan State Trooper to begin tracking for Mr. Forcia. Other KBIC officers were advised of the situation and arrived on the scene to assist with tracking and bringing in emergency supplies Officers who joined in the tracking and recovery efforts were Conservation Officers Tony Loonsfoot, Everett Ekdahl and Tim Tilson, and Police Officer Lori LaFernier. When located, Mr. Forcia was taken by ambulance to Baraga County Memorial Hospital, where he was listed as being in critical condition. He was hospitalized for some time and was affected with frostbite. Milgwetch to our dedicated and loval officers – thanks to their dedicated efforts our tribal elder is safe and healthy.

#### GERARD HIRED AS WEED AND SEED COORDINATOR



Chris Gerard, a KBIC member, has been hired for the position of Weed and Seed Coordinator Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Chris Gerard was born raised and Baraga County and graduated from Baraga High

School in 1996. He attended Lake Superior State University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice/ Law Enforcement. Gerard was involved with athletics in high school and was a student assistant coach for the Men's Basketball Program at LSSU. After college, Chris accepted a position with a private investigation company in Grand Rapids, working on insurance fraud. He then attended the Northern Michigan University Regional Police Academy and graduated in November 2002. After graduating from the police academy, Gerard accepted a position with the Meridian Police Department where he served for the past five years. During his five vears at Meridian, he was assigned to the road patrol and eventually the Community Relations/School Resource Unit. Gerard also served as a defensive tactics instructor, child safety seat technician and hiring and background investigator for the Meridian Police Department. He left the Meridian Police Department for an opportunity to return home to coordinate the Weed & Seed program.

The Weed & Seed program was established and is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice and will be overseen by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The weed & seed strategy is a two-pronged approach to crime control and prevention. Law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in "weeding out" criminals from designated areas. "Seeding" brings prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization services to the area.

Gerard states that he would like to help the committee members establish and maintain strong working relationships within our community. We want to get together with our school systems and place officers into the schools with the hopes of developing positive and interactive relationships between students and police officers while implementing the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program. The Weed and Seed Program plans to initiate the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), a program designed to provide recreational activities such as; basketball, weight training, and baseball. The kids will have positive interaction with police officers while taking part in the P.A.L.

"Overall, I think our number one objective is to give youth an opportunity to stay free from drugs and violence and to develop positive relationships between our youth, our schools, parents, law enforcement and all other members of our community," stated Gerard.

#### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

Elizabeth J. "Betty Jean" Garcia

(July 12, 1941 - January 3, 2008)

Elizabeth J. "Betty Jean" Garcia, age 66, of Baraga, passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2008, at her residence following a lengthy illness. Betty Jean was born on July, 12, 1941, in L'Anse, Michigan, the daughter of the late Joseph and Grace (Genschow) Magnant.

Betty Jean attended school in Baraga. She was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. Betty Jean enjoyed going to bingo, cooking and playing on the computer. Betty Jean is survived by her loving brother and sister, Gary Magnant of Baraga, and Linda (Donald) Messer of Baraga. Also surviving are numerous nephews, nieces, grandnieces, grandnephews, and special cousins, Tut and Bev Mayo and Popcorn (Scott) Mayo. She was preceded in death by her brother Joseph, sister Janice and a grandnephew Brandon.

Funeral services for Betty Jean were held on January 9, 2008, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel in L'Anse. Pastor John Henry officiated. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

#### **KEWEENAW BAY YOUTH COUNCIL Regular Meeting — January 14, 2008**

The regular meeting of the KBIC Youth Council was called to order by President, Tashina Emery, at approximately 7:30 p.m. The prayer was given by Ethan Smith.

<u>Present</u>: Tashina Emery, President, Angelica Bogda, Vice President, DeAnna Varline, Secretary, and Ethan Smith, Treasurer, were all in attendance. Others present: Jade Chaudier, youth member, and Ginny Ann Jermac, elder of the KBIC, who asked the Executive Board for permission to be in attendance and to be of assistance to guide and mentor the youth meeting format. She was welcomed.

Ethan Smith, Treasurer, gave a verbal report of \$484 total profit made from the New Year's Dance, December 30, 2007, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

DeAnna Varline, Secretary, will prepare the minutes of the meetings, but this month's minutes will be prepared by Ginny Ann to help the Secretary with a format for future minutes.

<u>Discussion</u>: The following items were discussed for volunteer hours. Each member needs to acquire 25 points to qualify to attend the summer youth trip for this year, 2008. Dances will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February for K-fifth grades and sixth–twelfth grades. (Tashina will do the flyers for both of these events). Possible trips discussed for the year were 2008 — Unity Conference and 2008; Washington D.C. Native Museum. Midwinter Powwow – Saturday, January 26, 2008, from 1 p.m. – 10 p.m. (Ethan/Tashina will be the Youth Head Dancer), and the other Executive Board members will carry out the concession responsibilities. Criteria for volunteer hours are posted at the youth center. Stand – Strength Team will be here on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. The Boys and Girls

Club was held on Friday, January 18, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. Tashina Emery, President, and Ethan Smith, Treasurer, attended with Carole LaPointe, the Director of Youth Programs.

Respectively, submitted:

Tashina Emery, President DeAnna Varline, Secretary

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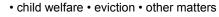
#### ATTENTION: ALL TRIBAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Applications for Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses for the Year 2008-2009 Commercial Fishing Season are available at the KBIC License Department located in the KBIC Tribal Center. The new license year will begin: May 1, 2008. Applications must be returned to the Licensing/Motor Vehicle Office by: Friday, February 8, 2008. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. The license fees are: \$75.00 for Small Boat-On Reservation; \$200.00 for Small Boat-Off Reservation; and \$500.00 for Large Boat-Off Reservation. All tribal members who apply must have completed the required U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and Critical Point (HACCP) Training and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination with a certified official must be completed and that documentation must be provided with the application. The application also requests fishing vessel information including the vessel name, number & length.

For Boat Safety Inspections, Contact:

Officer Tim Tilson/KBIC Conservation 353-6626 Sergeant Dale Goodreau/KBIC Conservation 353-6626 U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock 482-1520

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#### Anishinaabe Anokii

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#### Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- **Tribal Business Owner Directory**
- **Business Development Resources** Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet
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- **Development Program**

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> Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Timothy W. Shanahan, **Business Counselor** 

Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

#### **Ojibwa Housing Authority** Rehabilitation (Home Repair) Program

The Ojibwa Housing Authority will be taking applications for the Rehab (Home Repair) Program from January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 2 February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This program provides assistance, within approved budget amounts, for the rehabilitation of privately owned homes that are owned by enrolled mem-



bers of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, or enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe/Alaska native. It is the goal of Housing to assist as many applicants as possible with the amount of funds that are available on a yearly basis.

#### **Ojibwa Housing Authority Stipend Program**

The Ojibwa Housing Authority has funds available to assist Ojibwa Housing Authority Residents that are attending college classes with gas or child care expenses.

For more information or an application for either of these programs, please contact Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko at 524-5514.

#### Ojibwa Housing Authority **Homeowner Program**

Information is available on a daily basis regarding home loans and financial assistance through the Ojibwa Housing Authority Homeowner Program. If you are thinking of purchasing a home, please give us a call as we can provide you with valuable information on types of loans and assist you in moving through the process. Some people end up losing their homes because they were never told about the differences between types of loans and interest rates or were not assisted with forming a budget. Some are held back from becoming home owners due to credit issues. There should never be an issue that will prevent someone from owning a home. In time, these can always be taken care of. We are available to review credit reports and guide you through repairing your credit so that some day, if you so wish, you can own your own home. Help is truly only a phone call away.

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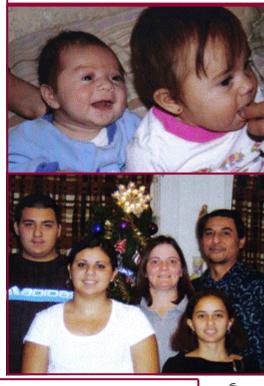
#### Fifth Annual Women's Retreat

More than sixty community women attended the Fifth Annual Women's Retreat held on Friday and Saturday, January 18-19, 2008, at the Michigan Tech Ford Forestry Center in Alberta, Michigan. The women, who were a wide variety in ages, participated together in health education, finance strengthening, exercise, cultural and crafting sessions. Sessions were facilitated by Dr. Dale Schmeisser (Nutrition), Ruth Bussey (Cultural/Legends), Heather Wood (Yoga), Steward Baker of Greenpath Debt Solutions (Finance), Cheryl Hirzel (card stamping) and Diane Charron (quilting). Each participant received either a foot massage by Nancy Gagnon or a back massage by Rhonda Dowd. Friday evening finished in much laughter with a pajama fashion show. Saturday's snowshoeing event was cancelled due to the bitter cold weather, but the women enjoyed the extra time to complete crafting items. The participants enjoyed delicious meals and received wonderful gifts and incentives for participating. Sponsors for this year's event were: the Healthy Anishnaabe Women Project, KBIC-DHHS, KBIC Diabetes Program, KBIC Healthy Start Program, and the Avon Breast Cancer Fund.



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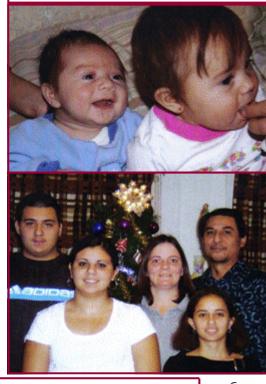
**Descendants of** Charles William Barbano Sr. (Billy)



Jaylyn Ann Marie Gardner (right), 2/11/07, daughter of Becky Lyn Barbano and great granddaughter of Billy, Charles William Barbano Sr., granddaughter of Charles William Barbano Jr. who resides in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Cody Matthew

Shipps (left), 9/25/07, son of Angela Marie Barbano and great grandson of Billy, Charles William Barbano Sr., grandson Charles William Barbano Jr. who resides in St. Joseph, Missouri. (bottom) left to right, Charles Barbano Ш, Becky Lyn Barbano, Jennie Barbano, Angela Marie Barbano, Charles William Barbano Jr.



#### **Healthy Heart Fair**

Friday, February 15th 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Ojibwa Bingo Hall

This program will be canceled if Baraga Schools are closed due to inclement weather.



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Meet Chayse Thompson, born 12/29/07, to Tanya Asher and Ronald Thompson. Chayse was 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20  $\frac{1}{2}$ inches at birth.

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#### Fourth Annual Mid-Winter Pow-wow

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Fourth Annual Mid-Winter Powwow was held Saturday, January 26, 2008, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan. The day's events began at 10:00 a.m. with the KBIC Cultural Committee honoring of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council. Grand Entry was at 1:00 p.m. and was led by Head Veteran Jim St. Arnold and the KBIC Veteran's Color Guard. This year Lester Drift was chosen as head male dancer, Tina Messer as head female dancer, Ethan Smith as junior head male dancer, and Tashina Emery as junior head female dancer. Honored individuals were Miss Keweenaw Bay, Chelsea Seymour, and elders, Clarence "Dempsey" Forcia and LaVerne Perreault. Songs were provided by Four Thunders as host drum and invited drums Woodland Singers, Summercloud and Bahweting Singers. George Gauthier, Arena Director, and Shiloh Lussier, Assistant Arena Director, made sure everything ran smoothly in the arena, and Ted Holappa, Master of Ceremonies, kept everyone informed of what was happening throughout the day's activities. Megan Tucker performed an awesome hoop dance. A potluck feast was enjoyed by all participants with the main course being prepared by two of Keweenaw Bay's greatest cooks—Barb Swartz and Patty Maki.



"Honor Our Tribal Council"

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council was recognized by the KBIC Cultural Committee during the opening ceremony. Pictured above (left to right) Toni Minton, Jerry Lee Curtis, Jennifer Misegan, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Doreen Blaker, William "Gene" Emery, Susan LaFernier, Warren "Chris" Swartz, and Larry Denomie III. Missing from photo are: Michael LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews and Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo. Beverly Lussier, Cultural Committee member, cited a poem in closing remarks.

#### "Anyway," author unknown

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful you will make false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for some underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you help them. Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you've got anyway.



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#### **National Center for Cooperative Education**

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#### NCCE: What is it?

The National Center for Cooperative Education in Natural Resources (NCCE) was established in May 1997. Located on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, the purpose of NCCE is to better serve American Indian and Alaska Native students interested in pursuing careers in natural resource fields with tribes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), or other natural resources agencies.

#### NCCE—What does it offer?

- Tuition assistance \$5,00 annually.
- Summer employment Related to academic field of study \$10—\$12 per hour.
- Employment opportunity after graduation BIA and tribal professional level positions.
- Life insurance and health benefits Vacation, sick and holiday pay Retirement.

#### **Minimum Requirements**

- Have finished the freshman year in college, be in good academic standing, and accepted to attend or attending an accredited college or university.
- Pursuing at a minimum, a bachelor's degree.
- Majoring in a natural resources field such as: Forestry, Soil Conservation, Range Management, Geographic Information Systems, Wildlife Management, Watershed/Hydrology, Fisheries Management, Civil Engineering.
- Interest in a career working with Tribes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or other natural resources agencies.

#### How to Apply

The application process consists of submitting:

- Completed federal employment form (OF612) \*or resume\*\*
- Completed "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment" (Form BIA 4432) \*
- Letter of Application that includes: Your perception of your academic and applied strengths — A description of your career goals and objectives.
- Letter of recommendation from academic advisor or faculty member that includes: How long and in what capacity the advisor or faculty member has known you as a student — His or her perception of your academic and practical application strengths — Any other pertinent information.
- Proof of enrollment or acceptance into a college forestry or natural resources program.
- Transcript and current class schedule.
- Letter of support from tribal or BIA area or agency natural resources staff (optional but helpful).
- \* Form OF612 is available at <a href="https://www.opm.gov">www.opm.gov</a> and BIA 4432 is available through the Liaison's Office.
- \*\* Resume must include all the information requested in the OF612.

#### **Send Application Package to:**

Doug Eifler Natural Resources Liaison Office Haskell Indian Nations University 155 Indian Avenue, Box 5018 Lawrence, KS 66046

#### **Application Deadline:**

March 5th of each year

#### For additional information contact:

Dr. Doug Eifler 785-749-8414 or daeifler@fs.fed.us Brenda Woods-Brown 785-749-8493 or bwoodsbrown@fs.fed.us Elaine Kiefer 785-749-8427 or ekiefer@fs.fed.us Website — www.itcnet.org/includes/downloads/ncce.pdf

#### **MONEY BACK IN MICHIGAN**

#### FEDERAL AND STATE TAX CREDITS CAN RETURN DOLLARS TO LOW-INCOME MICHIGAN HOUSEHOLDS

Low-income taxpayers can benefit from a variety of federal and state tax credits, all of which can help to reduce taxes owed or provide refunds to the taxpayer. These tax credits can significantly increase the financial resources available to low-income households—many of whom struggle to make ends meet while also bearing a heavy tax burden.



The federal tax credits include the Earned Income Credit, the Dependent and Child Care Credit and the Child Tax Credit. Michigan tax credits include the Home Heating Credit, the Homestead Property Tax Credit, and the Child Deduction. These credits are available to individuals who file income tax returns as well as those who are exempt from filing requirements. In addition, some credits are retroactive and can be claimed after the normal income tax filing deadline of April 15th.

The assistance provided through these tax credits can make a difference in the lives of poor families. Agencies and organizations across the state can help low-income taxpayers benefit from these credits by participating in outreach efforts that may include distribution of informational materials, (including articles in newsletters), convening meetings and training sessions and setting up taxpayer assistance clinics during the tax filing season. Outreach should include educating low-income tax filers on the drawbacks of using expensive rapid-refund services that diminish the size of their refund. Free and ethical taxpayers assistance is available in most communities.

The Michigan EITC Statewide Coalition has established a website (www.michiganeic.org) to assist tax filers, service providers, and volunteers. Filers can visit the website to find out more about the EITC and whether they qualify, and if they earn under \$50,000, they can use the website's free I-CAN E-File program to prepare and file their taxes online. Filers and volunteers can find out about free Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (VITA) sites in their communities by going to the website or by calling 1-800-552-1183.

#### Individual Development Accounts

#### What is an IDA (Matched Savings Account)?

The Individual Development Account (IDA) Program is a program to help individuals with a steady income to save money to achieve their financial goals. For every dollar saved toward the asset goal, the project will provide four dollars in matched savings in a reserve account for the participant up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 every year based on existing funding. Each participant may receive a maximum of \$4,000.00 over the term of the grant, with a minimum savings period of six months and a maximum savings period of three years.

#### **General Information:**

The Ojibwa Housing Authority may provide assistance in the three (3) following areas, **Home Purchase** (down payment or closing costs), **Business** (starting a small business or expansion), or **Higher Education** (tuition, books or fees).

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Some eligibility requirements may include the following: **Tribal Member** (Applicant must be a member of a federally recognized tribe), **Target Groups/Residence** OHA Housing Residents or Tribal Members living within the service area. (Baraga, Marquette & Ontonagon counties) **Income guidelines** (80% of the area medium income).

**Example:** You want to expand or start a business. For example, you want to start a snow plowing business for winter income. You need a new snowplow for your truck that costs \$2,500. You attend financial literacy training through Housing and business counseling through one of our partners and then you start saving. In this example, you save \$41.67 every month over 12 months for a total of \$500. The Ojibwa Housing Authority matches your savings 4:1, which gives you an additional \$2,000. That equals a total amount of \$2,500 towards the purchase of the snow-plow for your business! What a great deal!



For more information call: Christine LaPointe @ Ojibwa Housing Authority, 906-524-5514.

#### **Understanding Impact Aid Funds Within Our School Districts**

Community members have expressed concern about how the local schools acquire and utilize Impact Aid funds given to them by the Federal Government through the Department of Education. The information that follows has been taken directly from the U.S. Department of Education's website. The link to the website is included at the end of this article. William "Bill" Jondreau, Baraga School Board member, served on the Impact Aid Committee for the school district. Mr. Jondreau may be contacted to answer specific questions anyone may have.

#### Overview

Many local school districts across the United States include within their boundaries parcels of land owned by the Federal Government or that have been removed from the local tax rolls by the Federal Government, including Indian lands. These school districts face special challenges — they must provide a quality education to the children living on the Indian and other Federal lands and meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, while sometimes operating with less local revenue than is available to other school districts, because the Federal property is exempt from local property taxes.

Since 1950, Congress has provided financial assistance to these local school districts through the Impact Aid Program. Impact Aid was designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt Federal property, or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children, including children living on Indian lands. The Impact Aid law (now Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, (ESEA)) provides assistance to local school districts with concentrations of children residing on Indian lands, military bases, low-rent housing properties, or other Federal properties and to a lesser extent, concentrations of children who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties who do not live on Federal property.

Nearly ninety-two percent of the \$1.19 billion appropriated for FY 2003, is targeted for payment to school districts based on an annual count of federally connected school children. Slightly more than five percent assists school districts that have lost significant local assessed value due to the acquisition of property by the Federal Government since 1938. Slightly less than \$27 million is available for a competitive discretionary construction grant program for which certain Impact Aideligible school districts can apply.

The Impact Aid law (now Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) has been amended numerous times since its inception in 1950. The program continues, however, to support local school districts with concentrations of children who reside on Indian lands, military bases, low-rent housing properties, and other Federal properties, or who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties. The law refers to local school districts as local educational agencies, or LEAs.

#### How do school districts use Impact Aid?

Most Impact Aid funds, except for the additional payments for children with disabilities and construction payments, are considered general aid to the recipient school districts; these districts may use the funds in whatever manner they choose in accordance with their local and State requirements. Most recipients use these

funds for current expenditures, but recipients may use the funds for other purposes such as capital expenditures. Some Impact Aid funds must be used for specific purposes. All payments are distributed by wire transfer directly to the bank accounts of school districts.

School districts use Impact Aid for a wide variety of expenses, including the salaries of teachers and teacher aides; purchasing textbooks, computers, and other equipment; after-school programs and remedial tutoring; advanced placement classes; and special enrichment programs. Payments for Children with Disabilities must be used for the extra costs of educating these children.

#### **Impact Aid Program Components**

#### Payments for Federal Property (Section 8002)

Payments for Federal Property assist local school districts that have lost a portion of their local tax base because of Federal ownership of property. To be eligible, a school district must demonstrate that the Federal Government has acquired, since 1938, real property with an assessed valuation of at least 10 percent of all real property in the district at the time of acquisition.

#### Basic Support Payments (Section 8003(b))

Basic Support Payments help local school districts that educate federally connected children. These may be the children of members of the uniformed services, children who reside on Indian lands, children who reside on Federal property or in federally subsidized low-rent housing, and children whose parents work on Federal Property. In general, to be eligible for assistance, a local school district must educate at least 400 such children in average daily attendance, or the federally connected children must make up at least three percent of the school district's total average daily attendance. Heavily Impacted Districts that enroll certain percentages of federally connected children and meet other specific statutory criteria, receive increased formula payments under Section 8003(b)(2).

#### Children With Disabilities Payments (Section 8003(d))

Payments for Children with Disabilities provide additional assistance to school districts that educate federally connected children who are eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). These payments are in addition to Basic Support Payments and IDEA funds provided on behalf of these children. A school district that receives these funds MUST use them for the increased costs of educating federally connected children with disabilities.

#### Construction Grants (Section 8007)

Construction Grants go to local school districts that educate high percentages of certain federally connected children — both children living on Indian lands and children of members of the uniformed services. These grants help pay for the construction and repair of school buildings. Section 8007(a) provides formula grants to the local school districts based on the number of eligible federally connected children they educate. Section 8007(b) provides competitive grants for emergency repairs and modernization.

Information is available at <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/">http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/</a> whatisia.<a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/">http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/</a> whatisia.</a>

#### KBIC LANGUAGE PROGRAM DRUM SOCIAL (MEETING) HELD

A Drum Social Community meeting was held on December 27, 2007, where Debra Williamson, Language Assessment Coordinator, announced the overwhelming support and approval of the Ojibwemowin Revitalization and Preservation Plan. We had 350 households respond to our mailing, in which 310 households voted yes, they approved the plan and 13 households voted no, they disapproved of the plan. Congratulations to the winners of the Ojibwemowin Drawing. Brandon Loonsfoot won the Pendleton Turtle Throw; Gertrude Jones won the Pendleton Computer Bag; Carole LaPointe won the Red KBIC Jacket; and Marilyn McKibben won the Stained Glass Eagle Feather.

In December, a Language project and budget for fiscal year 2008, was submitted to the Tribal Council and was not approved. Revisions to the budget and project work plan are in the works and will be presented to council at the beginning of February. For now, the Tribal Council has provided funding to extend our language program through the month of January 2008, to allow for the close out of the ANA

Language Assessment Grant which ended December 31, 2007. This gives us more time for planning and development for future projects and ANA grant applications.

Debra Williamson, Language Assessment Coordinator expresses a "Miigwetch, to the Administration for Native Americans for funding our tribes Language Assessment Program and to our Tribal Community for your participation and support! Mii'iw (that's all for now)!"

#### REVISED HEALTH DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Cherie Dakota, Health Director 353-8666/ext. 4553 or 353-4553

Sue Ollila, Clinic RN, 353-8666/ext. 4516 or 353-4516

Becky Tussing, Associate Director, 353-8666/ext. 4521 or 353-4521 Angela Kelly, Data Entry Clerk,

353-8666/ext. 4559 or 353-4559

#### February 2008

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed. Please contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your event. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listing, please visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events (underlined) please contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notice: There will be <i>limited</i> use of the Niiwin Akeea Youth Gym, beginning 1/14/08, as there will be MDOC Officer Cadet training taking place for 40 days from 6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. <b>Dates of use will be:</b> 1/14/-08 – 2/22/08 and 4/6/08 – 4/18/08. Please inquire with Youth Director, facility attendants, for any use of the gym. There will be posted times for Open Gym and walking. Miigwetch for your cooperation during this time.					
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#### INFLUENZA VACCINE 2007/2008

Vaccinations are available on a walk-in basis, but scheduled appointments are encouraged. Non-native household contacts are also eligible for vaccination at the KBIC Medical Clinic. For more information please call 353-8700.

#### Annual vaccination against influenza is recommended for:

- all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting influenza to others;
- all children aged 6–59 months (i.e., 6 months–4 years);
- all persons aged >50 years;
- children and adolescents (aged 6 months—18 years) receiving long-term aspirin therapy who therefore might be at risk for experiencing Reyes syndrome after influenza virus infection;
- women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- adults and children who have chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (except hypertension), renal, hepatic, hematological or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
- adults and children who have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus);
- adults and children who have any condition (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders) that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration;
- residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities;
- health-care personnel;
- healthy household contacts (including children) and caregivers of children aged <5 years and adults aged >50 years, with particular emphasis on vaccinating contacts of children aged <6 months.

#### February — Healthy Heart Month

**Statistics** — Coronary heart disease is America's No. one killer. Stroke is No. three and a leading cause of serious disability. That's why it's so important to reduce your risk factors, know the warning signs, and know how to respond quickly and properly if warning signs occur.

**Heart Attack Warning Signs** — Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness

As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/

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#### Happy Valentine's Day **OJIBWEMOWIN**

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The language page is designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.

#### **Word List**

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ice fishing Akwa'waa -fish through the ice with spear

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Zaagi' – love

Zaagi'diwag they love each other

man

Ikwe women

Wiidigendiwag —

they are married to each other Aapiji-wiidige legally married



#### 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next…



Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Cen-

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



#### Keweenaw Bay **Indian Community Employment Opportunities**

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact:

KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit:

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm

Child Care Helpmate — February 6, 2008 Unit Manager — February 7, 2008

#### On Call positions:

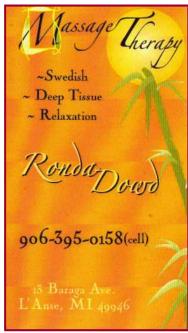
- \* LPN
- \* Unit Manager \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Child Care Provider
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker

#### February—Health Heart Month (Continued)

vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

Learn the signs, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out. Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1.

Calling 9-1-1 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive —up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. The staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. If you can't access the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away. If you're the one having symptoms, don't drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option.



#### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community DRUG TIP LINE

If you know of the sale or use of illegal drugs in our community, please let us know.

Our community needs your help.

If you choose to leave a message, it will be recorded onto an answering machine in the office of the Chief of Police.

Your name will remain confidential unless you choose otherwise.

Sponsored by the KB Drug Task Force and the KB Tribal Police

#### be a lifesaver...call.

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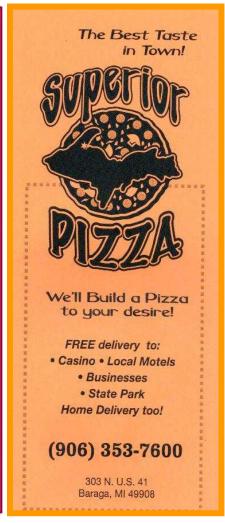


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To be added to the mailing list, or to correct your <u>mailing</u> address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.





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#### **Tribal Council Members:**

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Frederick Dakota

#### February 2, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting



Above (left) Susan LaFernier swears in newly elected council members (left to right) Toni Minton, Michael LaFernier Sr., Fred Dakota and Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo at the Council meeting held February 2, 2008. The reorganization process named Warren "Chris" Swartz as the KBIC Tribal President for 2008. President Swartz is pictured below (left). Gary Loonsfoot Sr., pictured below (right), was presented with a blanket as he departed from the council seat he has held since 1996. Loonsfoot was defeated in the December 15, 2007, tribal elections.

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- February 2, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- President LaFernier summarizes 2007
- Healthy Heart Fair
- Youngsters Enjoy Valentine's Dance
- Drug Conviction Report
- New Employees
- Our Deepest Sympathy
- Aabinoojiiyens
  - Ojibwemowin



The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on February 2, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan.

Susan LaFernier presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Toni Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and sent. Numerous Thank You and For Your Information items were reviewed by Council. Council approved the meeting minutes for November 29, 2007, Decem-

ber 1, 2007, September 22, 2005, September 26, 2005 and the Department Head reports for December 2007.

Susan LaFernier reported in the President's Report, that on January 7, 2008, she along with John Baker, Summer Cohen, and Chuck Brumleve attended a consultation meeting with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) staff/others in Lansing regarding our opposition to grant a state land use lease permit to Kennecott for the exclusive use of 120 acres of state public lands for surface mining facilities and portal to the proposed underground mine. On Janu-

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ary 10, 2008, Director Humphries decided to delay her decision on this lease because there were many unanswered questions. Her decision now may be made at the February 7th Natural Resources Commission meeting after review of an amended Mining and Reclamation Plan and Surface Use Lease. There is not any more news regarding the contested case petition that was filed on December 21, 2007, by the KBIC, the Huron Mountain Club, and the National Wildlife Federation against the DEQ regarding the permits that they issued. This petition was filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings. On January 15, 2008, President LaFernier participated on another IHS TAB (Tribal Advisory Board) conference call. The IHS TAB recently approved the nomination of Becky Tussing, Associate Director of our Tribal Health Department as an alternate representative for the Bemidji area to the National Indian Health Board. The nomination awaits the approval of the National Indian Health Board. On January 15, 2008, members of Council met with Debbie Parrish, members of the Board of Regents, and KBOCC staff to continue discussions regarding the college. At the January 24, 2008, Tribal Council meeting, a motion was passed to continue with the accreditation process. The budget and other details such as personnel/accounting issues and the plan towards the steps to accreditation are currently being worked on. President LaFernier attended a Hazardous Communications and Blood Borne Pathogens safety training presented by the loss control consultant of our workers comp carrier held on January 24, 2008. As a member, President LaFernier attended the Weed & Seed Steering Committee's annual reorganization meeting held on January 16, 2008. Judy Heath, Director of Tribal Social Services, has been named the new Chairperson. The '08 appropriation for the grant was also reduced by 35% for 2008. We have heard great comments about the new Quibica scoring system that was installed on January 18, 2008, at the Pressbox Ojibwa Lanes. President LaFernier attended the Fifth Annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, January 19, 2008, held at the MTU's Alberta facility. As always, everyone had a great time. Watch for the February newsletter for pictures of the event and please take time to view the beautiful quilts that have been made from the ladies who attend this annual retreat. The quilts will be put on display throughout many tribal offices and businesses within the next few months. They are quite beautiful and unique as each square of the quilt is made by a different woman (ikwe). We thank Heather Wood and our Health Department staff for all of their hard work to make this retreat available for our ikwe each year. On January 22, 2008, President LaFernier, Sarah Smith, Todd Warner, Jean Jokinen, and David Osmak attended a meeting with Nick Reo (Native American Institute of MSU) and Mike Jensen from MSU Extension regarding Tribal forest management programs and possible grants that are available. On January 23, 2008, this group met with Gerald Parrish, Superintendent, and four staff from the BIA Michigan Agency/Sault Ste. Marie regarding our request for funds to establish or broaden our real estate services, performance based compensation strategy and a records management system. We received information, and ideas/suggestions were discussed that can be implemented. President LaFernier thanked the Cultural Committee for their recognition and honoring of our Tribal Council on the morning of January 26th prior to grand entry for the Fourth Midwinter Traditional Powwow. She stated she was honored to have the privilege of giving the welcome at the powwow and to participate with the Cultural Committee on honoring the respected elders and their families — Clarence "Dempsey" Forcia and LaVerne Perrault, as well as our reigning Miss Keweenaw Bay, Chelsea Seymour. The special run-off election was held on January 26, 2008. Congratulations to Fred Dakota who won the election and Chuck Loonsfoot who ran a very good race. President LaFernier, Larry Denomie and Sarah Smith met with Theresa Gallagher from IHS on January 31, 2008. Ms. Gallagher does the inspections on our various businesses and departments. She is willing to help us with our safety issues and building projects in the upcoming year and to provide newsletter articles for awareness. The hearing for the sales/use tax case is still scheduled for February 27, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in Grand Rapids to hear KBIC and the State's summary judgment motions. Members of the Tribal Council and the attorney will be attending. On January 4, 2008, Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs of the U.S. Dept. of Interior signed a "Finding of No Significant Impact" for our proposed KBIC Gaming and Entertainment Facility at the former Marquette County Airport in Negaunee Township. Our part 151 Land-Into-Trust application will need updating because of the new guidance regulations regarding off reservation gaming, and our 2-part application is also being updated with financial information. Please remember to call the new Drug Tip Line number 353-DRUG (353-3784) if you know of the sale or use of illegal drugs on our reservation or in our communities. Your name will remain confidential unless you choose other-

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Larry Denomie III presented the CEO Report for January 2008. An entire year has come and gone since being appointed to the position of CEO. Denomie stated it has been an honor to have served in this capacity and would like to thank the Council, employees and community for all of their support, encouragement, advice and wisdom. Each and every employee of the Tribe has contributed toward the success of KBIC and should be very proud of their accomplishments. The restaurant facility within the Ojibwa Casino will be opening in mid-February. A draft lease agreement has been developed and will be presented to Council. The Tire Shop is closed and the process of selecting a lessee is underway. Requested documentation is being forwarded to the interested parties and formal proposals will be presented by them in the coming weeks. Once that information is received, the council will be presented options to consider. The new wage compensation structure which was approved by Council continues to be worked on. A review of all positions within the Tribe is taking place prior to applying the new wage system. Vacancies are now being advertised at the new minimum starting wages and current employees will be adjusted retroactive to December 6, 2007, the date Council approved the change. It is expected to take up to 60 days to complete the review. A second payables clerk will be hired in an effort to resolve some accounts payable issues. On January 8, 2008, Denomie attended the Tribe's Gaming Commission meeting. This meeting led to the need to amend the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance. Some sections contradict other regulations which lead to frustration. The amendment will be drafted for introduction and processing through the legislative process in the near future. On January 15, 2008, CEO Denomie, President LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, and Doreen Blaker met with the Ojibwa College's Board of Regents and Debbie Parrish to further discuss the college's plans. A one year plan has been developed outlining the process of moving toward candidacy status. The Council approved moving forward with the Accreditation process of the College and to continue working on a funding agreement which is being developed. Additional meetings with OCC will continue to discuss the content of the agreement. Joe Constance of Constant Training has been contracted to provide training in February, March and April for managers and supervisors. The training will aid in effectively leading and directing employees within each department. Council members are encouraged to attend. The position of Economic Developer has been posted with the deadline to apply of February 11, 2008. The Tribe's K9 handler resigned mid-January. Officer Irvin Smith has been promoted and accepted the position to care for Mia. Smith will be attending training in March to take command of Mia. The CEO will be conducting the evaluations for the department heads and directors this year.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for January 2008. During the month of January 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on January 5, 2008, and is reported in the February 2008 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on January 10, 2008: amended resolution KB1585-2007 Elderly Nutrition and Caregivers grant application; approved one deer tag for the January 26th Midwinter Powwow; upheld the CEO's decision in Grievance Hearing #001-08; approved the Women's Retreat Contract with Michigan Tech. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on January 11, 2008: approved payment of a medical request from Agatha Cardinal; approved Assistant Tribal Attorney Christoph Geiger's contract; approved the FY'08 budgets for all programs under Ojibwa Community College direction except Fund 514. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on January 24, 2008: approved meeting minutes for November 16, 2007, November 21, 2007, September 8, 2005, and September 16, 2005; approved a financial assistance request for Sharon Geroux; approved slot machine removals and installations in the Baraga and Marquette Casinos; approved the bid from Tribal Construction for additional Fish Hatchery space; approved donations totaling \$2006; approved a special counsel contract with Nordhuas Law Firm; approved an in-house promotion for Chad Selden to full-time Unit Manager at New Day; agreed to compensate Joe Spruce for his additional duties when he served as the K9 handler for the Tribal Police; agreed to move forward with accreditation for the Ojibwa Community College. Toni Minton thanked the Council and the Community for allowing her the opportunity to serve as their Secretary for the past year. She is honored to have been re-elected to the Council this year and is grateful for the faith and trust that the community has bestowed upon her.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2008. Jennifer stated the Council met on January 24, 2008, and approved the following donations:

Robert Voakes — \$300 for International Travel Club's trip to Italy; Joslyn Haataja — \$300 for International Travel Club's trip to Italy; Jordan Maki — \$250 for 1/2 page advertisement in the UP All-Star football game; L'Anse School Youth in Government — \$30 for sponsorship for one participant; and KBIC Youth Club — \$926.06 for sponsorship for the STAND Strength Team. Treasurer Misegan attended the BIA Budget Workshop along with Doreen Blaker, Gene Emery and Sarah Smith. The process of developing the budget from the President to Congress was covered as well as what tribes should be doing to obtain additional funding. One of the programs discussed was the Indian Land Consolidation Project which was cut from \$30.7 million to \$10 million. This program has been very good for our Tribe and because of it we have obtained many allotment parcels, thus allowing the Tribe to have controlling interest in several allotments. It is suggested that we contact our Congressman in support of this program. A letter is currently being drafted for this support. Overall the workshop was very informative and will help when Misegan attends the BIA's Midwest Region budget meeting on February 14, 2008. The casino audits were completed and delivered this week. Auditors were at the Tribal Center for the government in early January. Jennifer Misegan thanked the Cultural Committee for their hard work putting on the Fourth Annual Midwinter Powwow and for the gifts the Council received while being honored by the Cultural Committee and to the Council and community for allowing her to serve as their treasurer this past year.

Under old business, Debbie Williamson, Earl Otchigawanigah and Jim St. Arnold presented the Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan budget. The budget proposal is for a ten month period to review Objectives 1, 2, and 3 of the outline prior to receiving ANA funding. There will be a 25% match for ANA funding, which does not need to be all cash and can include in-kind services. A resolution of support is required by March 12, 2008. Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo made a motion to approve \$75,595 for the Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan budget, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr. Toni Minton made a motion to table the Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan budget until budget questions are answered, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, eight supported (Swartz, Minton, Misegan, Denomie, Blaker, Curtis, Emery, Matthews), three opposed (Mayo, Loonsfoot, M. LaFernier), 0 abstaining, motion carried. Discussion continued on the topic. Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. made a motion to reconsider and approve the budget as submitted for the Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan and then to work out the budget details, supported by William "Gene" Emery, nine supported (Swartz, Minton, Loonsfoot, Misegan, Curtis, Emery, M. LaFernier, Matthews, Mayo), 0 Opposed, two abstained (Denomie, Blaker), motion carried. Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo made a motion to promote Debbie Williamson to continue as the Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan Program Coordinator, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., five supported (Swartz, Curtis, Emery, Mayo, M. LaFernier), four opposed (Matthews, Misegan, Loonsfoot, Minton), two abstained (Blaker, Denomie), motion carried. Jennifer Misegan stated her opposition; she would like the Personnel Policies followed. Toni Minton stated her opposition; she would like to continue the program but would like the position posted as Debbie Williamson had been hired as a temporary employee.

Cherie Dakota presented clarifications regarding the Marquette Health and Hardship Fund. What are the guidelines for using the \$5,000 placed into the dental line item which was a Council directive to occur with the Marquette Emergency Fund? Cherie brought for Council's review, suggestions from the Tribal Dentist, Dr. Brent Johnson. In addition, the Health Board is looking for clarification within the original Council resolution for the Marquette Health and Hardship Fund. Resolution language states the fund is available for uninsured KBIC Marquette residents. The Health Board suggests the resolution should reflect the same conditions as CHS and THF within the CSHDA which would allow insured individuals to use the fund as well as the uninsured. Cherie Dakota brought draft policies for Council's approval. Draft two reflects the suggestion of making the fund available to both insured and uninsured individuals. Jennifer Misegan made a motion to approve the Marquette Health and Hardship Fund Policy as stated in the presented draft two and to include Dr. Johnson's suggested guidelines and to include non-emergency services such as bridges and false teeth be provided within the \$5,000 dental line item of the Marquette Health and Hardship Fund, supported by Jerry Curtis, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

In new business, Diana Chaudier presented the unofficial results of the KBIC Special Run-Off Election 2007, held on January 26, 2008. Fred Dakota received

257 votes and Charles Loonsfoot Sr. received 227 votes. 484 voters of the eligible 621 (80%) did participate in the election. Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo made a motion to approve the KBIC Special Run-Off Election 2007 results, supported by Doreen Blaker, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

The Council recognized Gary Loonsfoot Sr. as he departed from his council seat which he had held since 1996. Loonsfoot was presented with a Pendleton blanket (see picture page one).

Swearing into office was conducted by Susan LaFernier for the newly elected council members: Toni Minton, Michael LaFernier Sr., Fred Dakota and Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo.

Reorganization of the executive council occurred by secret ballot. Results were as follows: President — Warren "Chris" Swartz, Vice-President — Susan LaFernier, Secretary — Toni Minton, Assistant Secretary — William "Gene" Emery, Treasurer — Jennifer Misegan. Jennifer Misegan made a motion to continue Larry Denomie III as the CEO, supported by Jerry Curtis, nine supported (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Swartz, Minton, Misegan, Blaker, Curtis, Emery, Matthews), two opposed (Mayo, Dakota), one abstained (Denomie), motion carried.

Jennifer Misegan made a motion for depository of funds to be Superior National Bank, National City, Commercial National Bank, Wells Fargo, and Republic Bank, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., ten supported (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Blaker, Curtis, Emery, Matthews, Mayo) one opposed (Dakota), 0 abstained, motion carried.

Jennifer Misegan made a motion for the check signers to be one Council member from the executive committee and one Council member, supported by Toni Minton, nine supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Emery, Denomie, Blaker, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Matthews), two opposed (Dakota, Mayo), 0 abstained, motion carried. Jennifer Misegan made a motion for the Tribal Court check signers to be any of the following (two signatures required), Chief Tribal Judge, Associate Tribal Judge, Court Clerk, any of the twelve Council members, and that the same be authorized to sign Tribal Court Child Support checks as well as the Child Support Disbursement Clerk, supported by Susan LaFernier, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Susan LaFernier presented a letter from Tom Chosa of the Baraga Fire Department with a request to use the field behind the Casino for Mud Drag Races. Fred Dakota made a motion to allow the Baraga Fire Department to use the field behind the Casino for their Mud Drag Races event, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.

Susan LaFernier presented a request by the Cedar Tree Institute on a project proposal to restore native plants and butterfly habitat. The Forest Service grant is a one-to-one match and it is requested that KBIC consider a commitment of \$2500-\$5000 for the project. The deadline for the project grant is February 15, 2008. Toni Minton made a motion to commit \$5000 for the Cedar Tree Institute for the Forest Service Grant Application, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Chief of Police, Dale Dakota, presented a request for a letter of support for a grant being applied for by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians for a Criminal Justice Information Sharing Network to be developed between the Tribal nations within Michigan. Doreen Blaker made a motion to approve resolution KB1601-2008 and to authorize a letter of support to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians for the grant to comply with the Adam Walsh Act, supported by William "Gene" Emery, ten supported, one opposed (Denomie), 0 abstained, motion carried.

John Baker presented a new business license request on behalf of Mary Lou Jossens to operate her new restaurant business as "Michaa Maamaa's Restaurant. The tribal member, Mary Lou Jossens, will be leasing the restaurant space within the Ojibwa Enterprises. Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo made a motion to approve the business lease for Mary Lou Jossen's restaurant, "Michaa Maamaa's," supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Larry Denomie presented bids for a colored copier to be purchased for customer services in the Baraga Casino. Toni Minton made a motion to authorize the bid submitted by U.P. Office Equipment Systems for the amount of \$6468 after trade-in for the customer services colored copier, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

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Janice Shelifoe presented to Tribal Council a petition with signatures which reads — Petition to nullify Fred Dakota's seat on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Council. According to the Constitution and By-laws of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Article V—VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, Sec. 2 "Any councilman who is proven guilty of improper conduct or gross neglect of duty, may be expelled from the Council..." We, as Enrolled Tribal Members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, by the following signatures of this petition, agree that FRED DAKOTA is and has been found to be in gross neglect of duty and improper conduct as a leader in our past and therefore should not be able to serve as a councilman for our tribe today. We, as Enrolled Tribal Members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, have found FRED DA-KOTA's actions to be incomprehensible, and this man should not be able to and cannot ever again represent our people. FRED DAKOTA has not only stolen our money but has stolen our birthright in his attempt to annihilate the people of this reservation. FRED DAKOTA nullified the 1994 election and disenfranchised 202 voters. We, as Enrolled Tribal Members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, demand that you, the Tribal Council, as our representatives and as our leaders of this tribal government, nullify the recent January 26, 2008, tribal election that voted FRED DAKOTA a seat on the Tribal Council and to disallow FRED DA-KOTA to be sworn in to that position. On June 26, 1996, FRED DAKOTA was indicted on numerous counts. The indictments revolved around "conspiracy to violate Sec. 666 of Title 18." The indictments claimed FRED DAKOTA owed his tribe "a duty of loyalty, honesty and integrity" and that FRED DAKOTA as a leader of his tribe took the secret kickbacks to enrich himself instead of his people. On November 5, 1997, FRED DAKOTA was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in Federal Prison and therefore is a convicted felon. In our opinion, FRED DAKOTA is an individual without remorse. He has never attempted to make amends to our people. The Constitution petition process was cited by Jennifer Misegan. President Swartz accepted the petition and will forward it to the Tribal Election Committee to verify signatures, which is step one within the petition processing.

Council moved into closed session with Cherie Dakota, Susan LaFernier, Larry Denomie and Attorney John Baker on the agenda.

Following closed session Elizabeth Mayo made a motion to approve the Snyder Drug Contract for Pharmacy services, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. Motion carried.

#### PRESS RELEASE—

At the Council meeting held on February 22, 2008, Tribal Council passed a motion not to move forward with the petition. The petition requested the Council nullify the run off election held January 26, 2008. There are no provisions in the constitution to nullify an election.

#### **President LaFernier Summarizes 2007**

After reviewing the 2007 newsletters and minutes, I am pleased to announce that the Council, our departments and community have had a busy, productive year in many ways, and there are many projects/programs that are currently being worked on for completion in 2008. We can be proud of our accomplishments. The following is a brief review of the year:

- Pre-Primary Program began in January 2007.
- Citizen Resolution to Governor Granholm to deny Kennecott's application for a sulfide mine on the Yellow Dog Plains.
- New Parks and Recreation Committee began April 2007.
- Ojibwa Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan—ongoing all year.
- Adopt-A-Road Program began Spring 2007.
- Tribal Construction Company celebrated their 30 year anniversary on June 8, 2007.
- National Native American Economic Policy Sumit-Phoenix, AR, May 2007, and met with Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary BIA on our 2-part application for the Marquette Airport Casino.
- New WLUC TV-6 ad of KBIC departments/Council.
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens Building Renovation by Ojibwa Builders.
- Grand opening of our Eagle Radio Hancock Office—June 2007.

   Hancock Office—June 2007.
- July 2007 met with Carl Levin in Marquette to honor his distinguished service as a U.S.
   Senator and discussed the Marquette Airport Casino.

- July 2007 Community Power Point Presentation on the history of tax agreements since 1977 and history of the cigarette and sales/use tax cases. We lost the cigarette case in the courts and did not appeal to the Supreme Court.
- September 10, 2007, public hearings in Marquette with tribal members in opposition to mining permits, state land lease and mining reclamation permits.
- September 19, 2007, public hearing in Lansing in opposition of mining permits.
- September 2007 Cultural Center Grand Opening.
- Ojibwe Language Immersion Classes began at KBIC in the Fall of 2007 with Bay Mills Community College.
- August 2007 met with U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in Petoskey.
- KBIC was awarded the Weed & Seed Grant to prevent/fight crime.
- August 2007 The Three Fires Gathering in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.
- September 2007 proposed MOU with the State on the sale of tobacco products, there is
  presently a lawsuit on this issue brought by members Magnant-Waara vs. members of
  the Tribal Council.
- October 2007 Tribal Construction have nearly completed 5,365 feet of new Bear Town Road for future new homes through Ojibwa Housing Authority. Final conditioning will occur in the Spring of 2008.
- November 2007 approved the new Child Support/Paternity Ordinance.
- November 2007 awarded a grant from HUD for the renovation and expansion of the Donald LaPointe Health and Educational facility.
- KBIC joined the United Tribes of Michigan.
- New Quibica Automatic Bowling Scoring System was purchased.
- December 2007 Consultation meetings with DEQ, DNR in Lansing, and EPA regarding the proposed mine on the Yellow Dog Plains.
- Voters approved "Primaries" for the upcoming elections.

The Council has many goals that still need to be accomplished and always will. I am hoping that our departments will prepare an annual report for publication in the upcoming newsletters. For 2008, we will be working on the continuation of the updating and revising of our ordinances, and the Constitution will need considerable revisions. Currently there are 10-15 ordinances/codes that are in various stages of the drafting process. The final draft of the updated personnel policies will also be presented to Council in February. Our 24 page comprehensive plan with 12 values will also need updating as we have accomplished many goals and new goals will need to be added for the coming years. I am also pleased to announce that the Economic Developer position has been posted, and the goal is still to bring new business to the Community and provide needed jobs for the ability to earn an income. I am hoping that a review of the needs of our members will be done, so all can live healthy, productive lives. I am particularly interested in pursuing a recycling, solid waste program and alternative energy sources to further protect our environment. We all need to become more aware of how we can protect our water, land and air for our future generations and then to consciously live each day in a manner respectful of these surroundings. Of course, health care has always been an important issue, and we are currently looking at options for health insurance, prescription needs and a wellness/safety program. I have inquired with the Ojibwa Community College to help with the writing of our Tribe's history of each member and for our website.

I have thoroughly been blessed and honored to be able to serve you and our Community for the past three years. I thank the many of you (in our Community and neighboring communities) who have appreciated my style of leadership and have always been there for me. You are a great and unique people, don't ever forget that, and you deserve the best. We can accomplish whatever we desire when we use the gifts that our God and Creator have given us. I especially thank our Tribal Council, Larry who has done an excellent job and has been a support for me, Jennifer for all of her Treasurer duties and financial work, Toni who has done a great job with our records, Sarah, Peggy, Janice, Juliet, Attorney John Baker, and the entire staff of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. We have many, many talented people working for us, and I applaud all of you, your dedication and hard work. Each and every job that is performed is vital to the success of our people and our Community.

Let us reach our RESPECT goal for 2008: That we respect ourselves, each other, and Mother Earth. Remember to pray for and support each other. My love to you, may God be with you, and I truly honor the greatness in you.

Susan J. LaFernier
 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
 President 2005-2007

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#### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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sonnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit:

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm

- Third Party Billing Clerk—March 6, 2008 deadline
  - Economic Developer—March 14, 2008

#### On Call positions:

- \* LPN
- \* RN \* Unit Manager
- \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Child Care Provider
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker

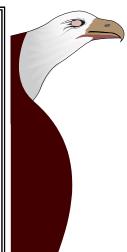


#### ATTENTION — KBIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT PATIENTS

Contract Health Service funds through Indian Health Services have been depleted for: Hospital Fees, Physician Fees, Emergency Room Fees, Ambulance Fees, Optical Fees and Diagnostic Testing.

The KBIC Tribal Council has allocated funds (the Tribal | Health Fund) to cover the above services for KBIC enrolled | members ONLY during this shortage.

Questions or concerns can be directed to: Becky Tussing, IRN, Associate Director, KBIC Department of Health and Hulman Services, 906-353-4521





#### Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center

A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

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Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908

> Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor

Tina Durant,
Services Coordinator

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Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.





#### March into Spring by Enrolling in the KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Program

Earn your GED/High School Diploma
Early Childhood Programs for children
Improve parenting skills
Incentives for participation
Transportation and childcare available

Even Start is **free** to all Tribal and Non-Tribal members in Baraga County. Now open to Tribal Members in the Marquette area.

#### Call 353-8161 to register

KBIC Even Start—755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908





Recruitment has started for the 2008 Fire Season. All individuals interested in being KBIC Beartown FireFighters can contact Robin Chosa, TERO Director, @ 353-4167. All veteran firefighters must contact the TERO office to update contact information.

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#### NEW EURLOYEES

#### Lisa Little — Clinic LPN



My name is Lisa Little and I am originally from down state, north of Detroit. I spent eight years in the Marine Corps as a Military Police-Dog Handler, serving in the first gulf war. I moved to the U.P. five years ago and recently settled in Keweenaw Bay. My fiancé and I have two beautiful nine-year-old girls and a very athletic six-year-old boy. I decided to become a nurse because I love caring for and helping others. I look forward to caring for the tribal community. Everyone here has welcomed me with open arms and I feel as if I have a new family. Thank you to everyone in the community and I look forward to meeting you.

#### **Heather Chapman — Assistant Prosecuting Attorney**



Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself to the community. I was thrilled at the prospect of living and working here. Since attending Lake Superior State University to finish my bachelor's degree, I have wanted to return to the UP

I have a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School. I have worked as an Assistant Prosecutor in Leelanau County. There I specialized in Domestic Violence cases. I also had the opportunity to work closely with the Grand Traverse Band. Their governmental center is within the county of Leelanau, and many times cases and clients were interrelated. In addition, I have worked in Alaska as an Assistant District Attorney. That was a very busy office, where I managed criminal cases from remote outposts, as well as a cen-

tral district. I also took on the office's juvenile delinquency case load and set up the system which is now in place to help ensure our youth did not slip through the cracks.

Everyone I have met in the community has been very friendly and welcoming. My husband and I look forward to building our future here.



#### Make Your Appointment Now! Senior Citizen Tax Preparation is FREE.

The Tribal Council has contracted with Sally Snyder, Certified Accountant of Ojibwa Housing Authority, to prepare Ojibwa Senior's Taxes for 2007. There will be no charge to the Ojibwa Seniors for this service, and their taxes can be electronically filed.

Seniors are urged to call Sally Snyder at 353-7117 to schedule their tax preparation appointment.

#### **HEALTHY HEART FAIR WELL ATTENDED**



Approximately 175 people attended the 13th Annual Healthy Heart Fair held at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall on February 15, 2008. Approximately 100 people had their cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure measured.

The KBIC Medical Clinic, KBIC Diabetes Program, Healthy Start, WIC Program, VOCA, KBIC Natural Resources, Tribal Social Services, KBOCC, KBOCC DESTINY Program, and the Drug Task Force/Weed & Seed programs participated and provided heart healthy information. Local agencies such as Xango Juice, Northern Orthotics and Prosthetics, HOSA, MSU Family Nutrition Program, L'Anse Pharmacy, Western UP Health Dept, Baraga County Home Care and Hospice, Baraga County Medical Equipment and Bay Ambulance provided information and displays. Low fat, heart healthy food was available to participants for taste testing and drawings for prizes were held throughout the event. This year we had special guest helpers, Laura Schneider's nursing aide students from L'Anse and Baraga assisted health staff and provided a display. Finlandia Community Health nursing students and Gina LaBeau of Big Bucks Bingo also assisted at this year's event. The 2008 Healthy Heart Fair was sponsored by KBIC/DHHS Obesity grant, Healthy Start, WIC, Diabetes programs.

The original Healthy Heart Fair was an idea that the (late) Denise Marth came up with. It started as a small event, mainly of tribal staff in the old tribal center. At that time, it was a fun and festive way to provide people with information on heart disease and provide samples of good tasting, good for you foods. The event has grown so much over the years; we still continue to provide heart health information and much more. KBIC's DHHS have invited tribal and non-tribal agencies to participate and encourage people from all over Baraga County to attend. In the past years, they have added cholesterol screening, a full course - heart healthy lunch, flowers and prizes to the event. Kathy Mayo, Community Health Coordinator, states, "To date, we are still celebrating Valentines Day by raising awareness about heart disease, letting people know how prevalent it is in the UP and what they can do to reduce their risk of developing heart disease. People leave knowing more about heart disease and the resources available in the tribal community and within Baraga County."



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#### KB Boys Participate in Local Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball

# #12 Alden Connor III, BHS JV #30 Kyle Seppanen, BHS JV #32 Robert Duschaine, BHS JV #20 Patrick LaPointe, BHS JV #14 LeRoy Gauthier, BHS JV #34 Joey Jossens, LHS Varsity

#### **GIRLS NITE OUT!!**



Twenty-four girls, ages six-twelve, attended the Hannah Montana 3D Concert on Friday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. The girls started out at Superior Pizza, and proceeded to the Mall. The girls sang in the bus and van all the way up and all the way back (Hannah Montana songs, of course). They also received lotion, lipgloss and massager in a packet from Bath & Body Works™, paid for through the Health Department's *American Legacy* grant, which aims at decreasing smoking and drinking for youth.

The Youth Council is planning a similar event for boys, ages six-twelve.



#### KBIC YOUNGSTERS ENJOY VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

The KBIC Youth Club held a Kiddies' Valentine's Day Dance for grades K-five. The dance was held on Friday, February 15, 2008, at the Niiwin-Akeaa Center.

The older youth helped to plan and organize the activities which kept the

nearly 100 youngsters, who attended, busy dancing and entertained. Shown (right) is Cheyenne Edwards dancing with Youth Committee member and chaperone Bill Jondreau. A Valentine's Dance for grades 6-12 was held later that same evening.





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Meet Vanessa
Joan Gauthier
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Jamie Gauthier
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Stationed). Vanessa was 7 lbs.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  oz. and was 19 1/2 inches at birth. Grandparents are Cathy (Miller) LaBeau, George Gauthier, Colleen and John DeRoche.

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#### KBIC EVEN START FATHERS' GROUP



Research has shown that fathers play an important role in promoting strong, positive relationships with their children from an early age on. At KBIC Even Start's Family Literacy Program, the Fathers' Group provides opportunities for important male role models to gather and strengthen bonds with their own young children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and the children of friends.

The KBIC Even Start Fathers' Group was created last year by adult education teacher, John DeLine, in collaboration with Carol LaPointe and the KBIC Youth Program. As group facilitator, DeLine has encouraged male participants to plan the types of events they'd enjoy sharing with their children. Although most monthly events are scheduled for evenings, there is a flexibility in planning to allow for such events as fishing and swimming, too.

One recent Fathers' Group on January 24th took place at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center on the OCC campus. Co-leaders DeLine and Erick Awonohopay prepared an activity based on winter animal tracks. As the "fathers" helped the children to identify each animal by its tracks, they also had the opportunity to learn the Ojibwa names of each animal through the assistance of Awonohopay who shared how each animal related to Native American culture. Plaster casts of the prints were also made. The night's activity was followed by open gym and pizzas.

Word is spreading with each monthly session, bringing more fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and friends together with the special children in their lives. Our next Fathers' Group will include swimming as a planned activity. DeLine remarks, "I'm very impressed with the sense of ownership these men have assumed for the group. They generate ideas for activities and volunteer to assist in making each event a great time for the children. Their involvement helps to build a sense of positive role modeling that will strengthen family bonds." For more information, on the Fathers' Group, you can contact John DeLine at the KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center, 353-8161.

Father and children learning together. (left-right) Naethin, Donovin, father Erick Awonohopay (Eagle Radio's "Big E."), Raistlin, and Kamerin.

#### CONTRACT SIGNED. ESTABLISHES EQUIVALENCY AGREEMENT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN COUNSELORS



The signing of a contract between Michigan Certification (MCBAP) and Upper Midwest Indian Council of Addictive Disorders (UMICAD) (Native Certification Board) establishing an equivalency agreement. agreement means that the state and native boards recognizes each other's counselors being of equal status.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Substance Abuse Programs has had a substantial interaction in the process of this agreement. The native Certification Board is a culturally sensitive

certification board and has had success working with Native American counselors and helping them establishing their counseling certification. This agreement ensures their professional status, which allows native programs to access funding sources available at a state level.

Pictured above are Roland Piper, Director of MCBAP and Mike Jensen, President of UMICAD.



#### **KEWEENAW BAY YOUTH COUNCIL** Regular Meeting, February 11, 2008

Call to Order\_The regular meeting of the KBIC Youth Council was called to order by President, Tashina Emery at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Prayer - The prayer was given by Ethan Smith.

Present - Tashina Emery, President, DeAnna Varline, Secretary, and Ethan Smith, Treasurer, were all in attendance. Members of the youth in attendance were: J. Chaudier, W. Curtis, D. DeCota, B. Berry, A. Connor,

R. Voakes, S. Shelifoe, L. Gauthier, R. Gauthier and B. Ekdahl. Ginny Ann Jermac, KBIC elder, was also in attendance to guide and mentor the youth.

Treasurer Report - Ethan Smith, Treasurer, gave a verbal report concerning the \$1,387.99 total profit made at the Midwinter powwow on January 26, 2008.

Secretary - DeAnna Varline will prepare the minutes of the meetings. This month the minutes will be prepared by Ginny Ann to assist the Secretary with a format for future minutes.

Discussion - Council discussed monies earned at the KBIC powwow, details of the Valentine's Day Dances being held on Friday, February 15, 2008, and the upcoming up youth trips.

A correction was made in last month's minutes regarding a way to get youth involved in their

#### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

#### MARGARET CLARA ST. ONGE

(November I, 1925 - January 17, 2008)

Margaret Clara St. Onge, age 82, of L'Anse, passed away on Thursday, January 17, 2008, at Bayside Village in L'Anse, where she had been a resident for two weeks. Margaret was born on November 1, 1925, in L'Anse, Michigan, the daughter of the late Pete and Lena (Tollefson) Clyne. She graduated from the L'Anse High School. Margaret married William St. Onge in 1945. He preceded her in death in 2002. Margaret was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She enjoyed bowling, cooking and playing cards.

Mrs. St. Onge is survived by her loving sister, Virginia Hiltunen, granddaughter Cheryl St. Onge, daughter-in-law Pam St. Onge, numerous nieces and nephews, other family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her sons Kevin, Roger and Gary.

Funeral services for Margaret St. Onge were held on January 26, 2008, at the United Lutheran Church. Pastor Scott Williams officiated. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

#### **DOROTHY E. BERGERON**

(January 17, 1911 - February 18, 2008)

Dorothy E. Bergeron, age 97, of Keweenaw Bay, passed away on Monday, February 18, 2008, at Bayside Village in L'Anse, She was born in Keweenaw Bay on January 17, 1911, the daughter of the late Edmund and Edna (Teahen) Aubin. Dorothy attended school in Baraga. She married Theodore Bergeron in Assinins, on August 20, 1928. He preceded her in death on January 18, 1975. Dorothy was a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Church and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Mrs. Bergeron is survived by her loving children, Floyd (Helena) Bergeron and Alyce Bergeron both of Keweenaw Bay, ten grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her two sisters.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Thursday, February 21, 2008, from St. Ann's Catholic Church. Father George Maki officiated. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

meetings. Each month, youth attending the youth council meeting will be entered into a drawing for a prize worth \$25. The drawing will take place every other month. The first drawing will be held at the March meeting, Monday, March 10, 2008, 7 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. There were approximately 12 youth in attendance. Miigwetch for attending the meetings.

Respectively submitted:

President, Tashina Emery

Secretary, DeAnna Varline

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#### **Language Program Update:**

Milgwetch to our Tribal Council Members for supporting the program and approving our budget — KBIC Language Project/Tribal Funding for Fiscal Year 2008 (January until September 2008).

**Goal:** Revitalize and preserve Ojibwe language in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

**Objective 1.** Work with Earl Otchingwanigan, our last fluent speaker, to document and preserve our language for future instructional materials.

**Activity:** Coordinator and volunteers will work with Earl to record (both orally and visually) and transcribe words, sentences and phrases spoken by Earl.

Objective 2. Initiate language learning tables within the community.

**Activity:** Language tables will be established one night a week for all ages. Students will be allowed to learn in an informal setting and will meet one-two hours. Language resources will be gathered and developed.

**Objective 3.** Design and set up multi-media language tools for use by the community.

**Activity:** A webpage or website will be developed to make language learning tools available for community members. The internet will be researched for links to our site. Earl will review the materials for accuracy and effectiveness before being referenced.

**Objective 4.** Funding sources will be sought and grant applications will be written.

**Activity:** Coordinator, advisors and planning committee elders will plan for grant applications for ANA category III projects will be made to implement a master/apprentice program, create teaching materials and test curriculum for students, parents and language instructors.

Laugh and learn (language tables) have been held. In March they will be held on Thursday evenings at the Ojibwa Resort Motel Conference Rooms, 7:15 until 8:15 p.m. There are no age limit and no pressure. We will do fun things while learning the basics of Ojibwemowin. No attendance requirements, so come and go when you can. For more information contact Debra Williamson, Language Program Coordinator, at (906) 353-4178. Mii'iw!

#### **BIA Scholarship Deadline**

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year is May 1, 2008.

Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, residents of Michigan attending a two or four year accredited Michigan college in pursuit of a two or four year degree and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Beartown Rd. Baraga MI 49908.

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-4117 or <a href="mailto:amy@KBIC-nsn.gov">amy@KBIC-nsn.gov</a>.

#### Ojibwa Housing Authority announces new prescription subsidy program.

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has approved a new program to assist low income tribal elders and disabled households with the cost of their prescriptions. The program is funded from the profits of OHA's businesses, the Ojibwa Building Supply and Ojibwa Builders. These businesses were created by housing to provide jobs for tribal members and to provide OHA with additional funds to assist our low income community members.

The program is open to low income tribal members who are 55 years of age or older and who reside in Baraga, Ontonagon, or Marquette counties. The program is also open to low income tribal members who are disabled. Applications for this program are available at either the Baraga or Zeba housing offices. If you have any questions, please call Eddy Edwards at 524-5514.



#### **DRUG CONVICTION REPORT**

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

#### Edward Earl Gray, case # 07-260, §3.1706, Controlled Substance.

**Factual Basis:** Defendant did deliver, within the territorial jurisdiction of this Court, less than 50 grams of mixture containing the controlled substance Hydrocodone.

#### Sentenced on 01/23/2008 to:

- I. \$150 fine.
- Twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is to submit to random PBT and drug testing and is financially responsible for the costs of the testing (concurrent with #07-261).
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow all the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.
- 4. 180 days jail, 90 days suspended, defendant is to be placed on a tether for 90 days. Defendant is responsible for tether costs.

#### Edward Earl Gray, case # 07-261, §3.1706, Controlled Substance.

**Factual Basis:** Defendant did use a controlled substance, to-wit: Mariiuana.

#### Sentenced on 01/23/2008 to:

- 1. \$300 fine.
- Twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is to submit to random PBT and drug testing and is financially responsible for the costs of the testing (concurrent with #07-260).
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow all the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed (concurrent with #07-260).
- 4. 90 days jail, 80 days suspended, credit for 2 days served, defendant is to be placed on a tether for 8 days (consecutive to #07-260). Defendant is responsible for lodging and tether costs.

#### Thomas Lee Denomie, case #07-253, §3.1706, Controlled Substance.

**Factual Basis:** Defendant did deliver, within the territorial jurisdiction of this Court, the controlled substance, to-wit: Marijuana.

#### Sentenced on 02/13/2008 to:

- 1. \$600 fine.
- 180 days jail, 90 days suspended, credit for 2 days served, 88 days to be served. Defendant is responsible for lodging costs with the exception of the 1<sup>st</sup> day he served.
- 3. Twenty-four months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10 monthly probation fee (concurrent with case #07-256). Defendant is to report to the probation department on the date of his release.
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to comply with the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed (concurrent with case #07-256).
- Defendant is not eligible for work release (concurrent with case #07-256).

#### Thomas Lee Denomie, case #07-256, §3.1706, Controlled Substance.

**Factual Basis:** Defendant did have possession of Marijuana within his residence.

#### Sentenced on 02/13/2008 to:

- 1. \$300 fine.
- 90 days jail, 90 days suspended.
- 3. Twenty-four months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10 monthly probation fee (concurrent with case #07-253). Defendant is to report to the probation department on the date of his release.
- 4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to comply with the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed (concurrent with case #07-256).
- 5. Defendant is not eligible for work release (concurrent with case #07-253).

I, Ron DeCota, would like to apologize to the people of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for an incident that happened last year where I left the Pine's Convenlience Store without paying for the merchandise. Sincerely, Ron DeCota.

#### March 2008

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed. Please contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your event. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listing, please visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events (underlined) please contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

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16 16th Annual NMU "Learning to Walk To- gether" Powwow	17	18	19	20 Language Table @ Ojibwa Resort, 7:15 pm	21 Good Friday Tribal Government Offices are closed	22
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#### **INFLUENZA VACCINE 2007/2008**

Vaccinations are available on a walk-in basis, but scheduled appointments are encouraged. Non-native household contacts are also eligible for vaccination at the KBIC Medical Clinic. For more information please call 353-8700.

#### Annual vaccination against influenza is recommended for:

- all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting influenza to others;
- all children aged 6–59 months (i.e., 6 months–4 years);
- all persons aged >50 years;
- children and adolescents (aged 6 months–18 years) receiving long-term aspirin therapy who therefore might be at risk for experiencing Reyes syndrome after influenza virus infection;
- women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- adults and children who have chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (except hypertension), renal, hepatic, hematological or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
- adults and children who have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus);
- adults and children who have any condition (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders) that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration;
- residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities;
- health-care personnel;
- healthy household contacts (including children) and caregivers of children aged <5 years and adults aged >50 years, with particular emphasis on vaccinating contacts of children aged <6 months.



# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Learning to Walk Together" Traditional Pow Wow

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#### **OJIBWEMOWIN**

Onaabani Giizis — Crusty Snow Moon — March

#### **Word List/Sentences**

#### Gaganoonidiiwin: "Ikwe, Inini gaye" [Woman and Man]

**Ikwe:** "Waabanangokwe" indizhinikaaz. [My name is "Morning Star Woman.] Giin dash, aaniish ezhinikaazoyan? [And you, just what is your name?]

Oon, "Mekogaabawid" mii ezhinikaazoyaan. [Oh, "Standing Bear," that's Inini:

what my name is.]

Aaniish ezhi - ayaayan? [How are you?]

Ikwe: Oon, niwenda-mino-ayaa, giin dash? [Oh, I'm just fine, and you?]

Wa, weweni sa go akina izhi-ayaamagad! [Hey, everything is just hunky Inini:

Aaniin ezhinikaazod gidayiim? [What is your dog's name?] Ikwe:

Inini: "Makwa," mii ezhinikaazod indayiim ["Bear," that's what my dog's name is.]

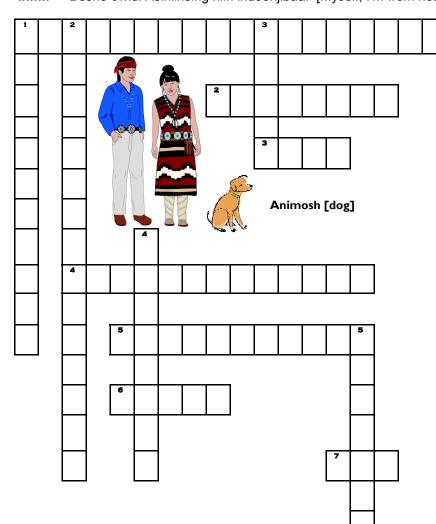
Ziibiing indoonjibaa. [I'm from Zeba.] Ikwe:

Besho owidi Asiniinsing niin indoonjibaa. [Myself, I'm from nearby Assinins.] Inini:



The language page is designed from reference "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm. This month's Ojibwemowin includes experiences from the language round-table held Friday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at the Ojibwa Community College. (Information on joining in on this opportunity follows.)





#### Across:

- 2. Zeba
- 3. Woman
- 4. My name is
- 5. I'm from 6. Bear
- 7. Oh



#### Down:

- Hearby Assimilis
- 2. I'm just fine
- 3. Man.
- 4. And you?
- Dog.

#### **Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Automotive Technician Survey**

Your input is needed to determine what training you would like to participate in if it is offered. Please fill in the information so we may contact you about training opportunities.

Name	Phone No

What automotive certificate programs would you like to see offered at KBOCC. Please number in order of preference.

- auto mechanic diesel mechanic
- auto body repair (please fill in)
- What days of the week are preferable for training?
- Monday through Thursday Friday Weekends Any day
- 3. What time of day is preferable for training?
- Afternoon Evening Any time
- Would you like training to become state certified?
  - \_\_ No \_ Yes
- 5. Would you like to transfer your credits to NMU or other institutions to
- obtain a one-year certificate?
- 6. Please provide any other comments regarding automotive training.

Completed surveys can be brought to Liz Julio or mailed to KBOCC, PO Box 519, Baraga MI 49908. Surveys are also available at Ojibwa Community College, Tribal Center front desk, and TERO office. For questions or information, please call Liz Julio at 353-4605 or Debbie Parrish at 353-4601. If we are

not available, please leave a message.

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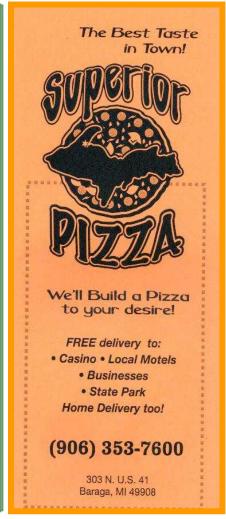


To place an ad or input information, contact: Lauri Denomie at Newsletter @ kbic-nsn.gov or call 906-201-0263.



correct your <u>mailing</u> address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.





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**Frederick Dakota** 

## MANY ATTEND NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S 16th ANNUAL "LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER" TRADITIONAL POWWOW



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member, Glen Bresette Sr., Head Veteran, is shown above leading the KBIC Color Guard during Grand Entry on Saturday afternoon.

Northern Michigan University's Center for Native American's sponsored their 16th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" powwow held at the Vandament Arena, in Marquette, on Saturday and Sunday, March 15th and 16th. The weekend event included three grand entries, veteran honor songs, exhibitions for the various dance styles, with many spectators joining in during the inter-tribals. Host drum for the weekend event was the Lac Courte Oreilles Badger Singers of LCO, Wisconsin, who were joined by many other

visiting drum groups and dancers who traveled throughout the Great Lakes area. Glenn Bresette Sr., a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member, led the KBIC Color Guard as Head Veteran in grand entry. Lester Drift, of Zeba, Michigan, and LaTisha McRoy, of Bad River, Minnesota, led dancers as Head Male and Female Dancers throughout the weekend (shown above, right). Emcees, Ted Holappa, KBIC member, and Joe Masters, of Menominee, kept everyone well informed, while Arena Director, Robert Blackdeer, of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, did a fine job keeping the arena running smoothly. Many traders were present, but the busiest line grew in front of the *Iroquois Kitchen* stand who served many customers native foods including some very delicious fry bread. A Traditional Feast was held Saturday for powwow participants. (more pictures, page six)

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- March 1, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- 16th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Powwow
- Boy's Night Out KBIC Youth
- Earth Day, Remember The Four R's
- New Employees
- Our Deepest Sympathy
- Aabinoojiiyens
- Ojibwemowin

### March 1, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on March 1, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan.

Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council. Council approved the Department Head reports for January 2008

President Swartz reported in the President's Report, that on February 2, 2008, he officially took office as the Tribal Council President. The office is very busy on a daily basis, and he promises to do the best job that he can and with the Council's support they intend on doing everything possible to make this a better community for all. President Swartz indicated that he participated in a conference call with Debbie Williamson, Debra Parrish, Jim St. Arnold and Jean Jokinen regarding our grant application for the Native Language Planning Project. With ANA funding assistance, KBIC ultimately seeks to increase the number of language speakers among its membership through the development of a language revitalization and preservation plan that is community driven and culturally accurate. It has been decided to apply for a Category III grant—Native Language Project Implementation. The purpose of Category III grants is to provide support to Tribes and Native organizations in the implementation of a Native language project to achieve the community's long-range goals. Council received a petition signed by 52 tribal members seeking to nullify the recent January 26, 2008, tribal election which voted Fred Dakota a seat on the Tribal Council. According to KBIC Constitution Article V Sec. 2, it shall be the duty of the Tribal Council, if the grounds for such complaint are considered of sufficient merit to appoint a committee of five members of the Tribe. On February 22, Council met to determine if sufficient merit existed to proceed further with the petition. The majority of the Tribal Council decided there was insufficient merit to proceed further. President Swartz and Tom Chosa attended a meeting with the Michigan United Tribes at the Little River Band of Odawa Indians in Petoskey, Michigan. Bill Gregory facilitated a presentation regarding the Adam Walsh Act in which he presented options to consider regarding implementation of requirements under the Act. Options included a stand alone system, which will be very expensive, a 12-Nation Tribal wide system, or we could meet with the State of Michigan to look at their program which currently complies with the requirements under the Adam Walsh Act. President Swartz informed the group that the best way to share criminal justice information is to create a tribal wide system which would be similar to the Michigan LEIN and that KBIC is in support of a tribal wide system which would include a registry for sex offenders. Also at the United Tribes of Michigan meeting, a report was given on the statewide history curriculum for Native Americans. Melissa Claramunt presented an update on the work of the tribal education directors' consortium and their attempts to collaborate with publishers on how the history of Native Americans are presented in textbooks used in Michigan Public schools. Amy St. Arnold, Director of the Higher Education Program at KBIC, secured a quote from the former Tribal President, Susan LaFernier. St. Arnold sent this quote along with a picture of Susan LaFernier, as Tribal President, to publishers McGraw-Hill. The publishers will make the decision on what will be used in the books. Matt Wesaw, Vice Chairman of the United Tribes, presented us with an economic development idea. Wesaw said that Michigan is considering raising the rebates that they currently offer the movie industry from 20% to 35% which would be one of the highest in the nation. Wesaw indicated that this is one of the factors that producers look at before they decide where to shoot movies. If Michigan can be competitive in their rebates, producers may shoot more movies here in Michigan. This is encouraging to hear as the U.S. film industry is a 60-billion dollar industry. The Upper Peninsula has a lot to offer the movie industry with all of the shoreline and pristine places, and who knows maybe one of us may become the next movie star here on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. President Swartz signed a letter of support for the student services program which is needed for accreditation at the Ojibwa Community College. The CEO's office has continued to work on the funding agreement with the college which is anticipated to be completed in the next week or so. The College President is requesting the agreement so the Board of Regents can meet and review it. President Swartz followed up on a request made by Susan LaFernier regarding an alternative source of gasoline opportunity. Swartz talked with Glenn A. Gauthier (LDF), President of Chippewa Business Development Services. Gauthier advised that he was working with a group, Global Trade Group, which is finalizing the gas opportunity and anticipated they'd have something in place around the end of February or by mid-March. Mr. Gauthier agreed to keep President Swartz informed of the progress. President Swartz updated the authorized signatures for the EMJAY retirement plan. The Disabled American Veterans Association will be hosting their first meeting in 25 years at the Ojibwa Casino Resort on Saturday, April 26, 2008. President Swartz has been asked to make an address at their meeting, and the KBIC Color Guard has been requested to post the colors for the meeting. On February 13, President Swartz attended an Ojibwa Housing Authority meeting in Zeba. Tom Chosa has installed a web camera on President Swartz's computer which was paid for by Inter-Tribal Council for video conferencing where they can meet with each other without leaving the office. President Swartz indicated that he has viewed two oversight hearings on the web regarding off reservation casinos which were held at the House: Natural Resources Committee Oversight Hearing on the "Department of Interior's Recently Released Guidance on Taking Land into Trust for Indian Tribes and its Ramifications." President Swartz signed a subcontract with the Michigan Inter-Tribal Council for Mental Health Services. The purpose of this agreement is to advance the provision of mental health counseling, outreach and crisis intervention and administrative services, plus evaluation and planning for the services of Native Americans and to provide services to the mentally ill, emotionally disturbed and substance abusers in accordance with specifications of work to be performed. On March 2, President Swartz plans to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council's Winter Session. The 2008 Executive Council Winter Session-Legislative Summit (ECWS) is an excellent opportunity to become involved in NCAI and be a part of the political discussion in Washington. There will be many Native issues before congress this year. In the last week of February, members of Council and Attorney Baker traveled to Grand Rapids to hear KBIC and the State's summary judgment motions for the sales and use tax case.

Attorney John Baker indicated he attended a motions hearing last week regarding the sales and use tax case, along with Tribal Council members, which were held at the Federal District Court before Judge Quist. Four motions were heard, two for the community and two for the State of Michigan. We are expecting a motion on summary judgment within the next 30 days.

Larry Denomie III, CEO, and his report were unavailable for today's meeting. A two month report will be given in April.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for February 2008. During the month of February 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on February 2, 2008, and is reported in the March 2008 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on February 7, 2008: approved meeting minutes for December 6, 2007, December 14, 2007, and September 10, 2005; approved an emergency travel request for Mary Geroux; approved a purchase of building materials from Ojibwa Builders for the armory; prohibited firearms in any tribal buildings except by law enforcement; approved an emergency dental request for Carole Heckworth. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on February 22, 2008: approved meeting minutes for December 20, 2007, and January 5, 2008; approved resolution KB1602-2008 — ANA Language grant for Category III; decided not to move forward with the petition to nullify the January 26 election; approved a letter of support for the Ojibwa Community College to seek funding from the Shakopee Tribe; approved a change order to the Ojibwa Senior Building Renovation in the amount of \$53,701; approved February donations totaling \$3,050; approved performance contracts with Vanilla Gorilla for both radio stations; approved the Tribal President's salary and benefits; rescinded the prohibition of weapons motion from February 7 and to continue with the policy revisions; reinstated the employee from Grievance Hearing Case #002-08. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on February 26, 2008: approved meeting minutes for September 29, 2005; approved a Basic Library grant application for the Tribal Center Library; amended the Tribal Government Personnel Policies to include brandishing a weapon as a factor that could result in immediate dismissal; approved the new Alcohol Beverages License Application.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2008. Jennifer stated the Council met on February 22, 2008, and approved the following donations: Student Writer's Organization of KBOCC — \$300 to attend a Native writing confer-

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ence at MSU; Laird Township — \$500 for playground equipment; Baraga Athletic Boosters — \$500 for an Elementary Basketball Tournament; Frank Pallone — \$1,000 as a re-election campaign contribution; National Indian Elders Association — \$500 for their annual conference; and Brownie Troup #400 — \$250 sponsorship. Treasurer Misegan requested of Council to provide copies of their driver's licenses which are needed to complete the updating of the checking account signature cards. Finance meetings are scheduled for March 7 and March 13, where the Casino audits, the year end financial of FY 2007, and at least the first quarter for FY 2008, of the businesses and government funds will be reviewed. On February 19, 2008, Larry Denomie, Susan LaFernier, Francis LaPointe, Jim Nardhi and Treasurer Misegan attended a meeting with representatives from the Employee Benefits, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield to discuss the renewal rates and options to keep costs down. Treasurer Misegan attended the sales and use tax suit hearing with Larry Denomie, Doreen Blaker, Susan LaFernier, Michael LaFernier, Fred Dakota and John Baker which was held in the Federal District Court in Grand Rapids. Treasurer Misegan indicated that our lawyers did a very good job representing the Tribe's case, and Judge Quist stated he would make his decision within 30 days. If anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact Treasurer Misegan either by stopping by her office, by telephone or by email.

Tribal Council at this time recognized the service of the former Tribal President Susan LaFernier. Jennifer Misegan gave the presentation — Council wishes to take the opportunity to thank Susan for serving as the President of our Tribe for the past three years. She brought a special gentleness to the office. She was always available for Council as well as the membership. She was extremely dedicated, usually the first one at the Center in the morning and the last to leave. She has put in many hours and we know that she often put the tribe before herself and did not take the time to pamper herself, so they presented her with a gift certificate for an hour massage, manicure and pedicure as well as a huge thank you for all that she has done for our tribe. Miigwetch Susan!

Under new business, President Swartz sought Council wishes on how to handle the trailer park leases. It was the consensus of the Council for President Swartz to authorize new leases and renewals within the President's office. Jennifer Misegan sought approval of the Council in reviving the Constitutional Task Force which has been inactive for some time. It was the consensus of the Council to contact present Constitutional Task Force members to see if they'd like to remain in their position and become active in meetings, or resign, and then to advertise for vacant seats on the Task Force. Jennifer is hoping to reconvene the Constitutional Task Force to meet on a regular basis. Jennifer Misegan sought Council's approval to form an exploratory committee to rebuild the Zeba Hall which would seek grant funding and present ideas of where, when, and what to include. If anyone has pictures available of the old Zeba Hall, please share them by dropping them off at the Tribal Center — care of: Jennifer Misegan. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with this committee to explore the possibility of rebuilding the Zeba Hall.

Debbie Parrish sought approval by Council for Even Start's GED software as it has a cost of \$3710. Parrish and others were advised of the policy regarding purchases. Purchases can be made directly by the department head that are up to \$1000. If the cost of the purchase is \$1000 up to \$5000, it needs the approval of both the department head and the CEO. If the cost of the purchase is above \$5000, Tribal Council approval for the purchase is necessary. The CEO office will send out a memo that will clarify these procedures.

Don Carlson, a member of the audience, requested Council blacktop Bear Town Road near the intersection with M38. The road is rough with large holes and is quite hard on automobiles. A discussion occurred of how this road damage occurred. It was the consensus of Council for Tribal Construction to blacktop Bear Town Road from the Tribal Center to M38 to correct the problem. Carlson made mention of the road in Herman as needing work also. Council will notify Jason Ayres and Tribal Construction regarding this matter.

Council moved into closed session with President Swartz and John Baker on the agenda.



## BIA Scholarship Deadline

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2008-09 academic year is May 1, 2008.

Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, residents of Michigan attending a two or four year accredited Michigan college in pursuit of a two or four year degree and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga MI 49908.

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-4117 or amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.





Travis Seppanen (left), KBIC Even Start student, poses with adult education teacher John Deline (right) to mark Seppanen's successful completion of his GED through the tribal family literacy program.

## March into Spring by Enrolling in the KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Program

Earn your GED/High School Diploma
Early Childhood Programs for children
Improve parenting skills
Incentives for participation
Transportation and childcare available

Even Start is **free** to all Tribal and Non-Tribal members in Baraga County. Now open to Tribal Members in the Marquette area.

#### Call 353-8161 to register

KBIC EVEN START—755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908

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#### **GEAR UP Program Overview**

The State of Michigan had been awarded a six-year grant by the U.S. Department of Education to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. This program is called Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs or GEAR UP. The GEAR UP/College Day (GU/CD) Program aligns with the recommendations of the Lt. Governor's Commission on Higher Education & Economic Growth. These recommendations support the doubling of the number of college graduates in Michigan within the next 10 years.

Michigan Technological University's GEAR UP program is designed to expose students, many of who may be first generation college students, to what college is all about. The schools we will be serving include L'Anse/Baraga area as well as Hannahville and Watersmeet. Program opportunities for students and parents will include career awareness and skill development presentations, presentations to increase college readiness and what students need to do to prepare for college while still in high school, financial aid workshops and visits to Michigan Tech's campus.

The GEAR UP program staff at Michigan Tech is very excited to be working with local students and parents to prepare for the future! GEAR UP contacts: Heather Simpson, Michigan Tech GU/CD Coordinator, Cody Kangas, Michigan Tech GU/CD Association Coordinator, Lori Muhling, Native American Outreach Coordinator.

#### **ONLINE TUTORING IN MATH AND SCIENCE**

At KatieKares.com we realize that once our minds are opened to the power of knowledge and education, our opportunities are endless. Our excitement about learning and teaching ultimately ignites the same enthusiasm in students. We want students to have the foundation that they need to pursue their dreams. Therefore, we are offering quality online tutoring in math and science from the privacy of their homes. For more information, email us at admin@katiekares.com.

Subject areas available for tutoring at KatieKares.com

Grades 7-9 Math	Grades 7-9 Science	Grades 10-12 Math	Grades 10-12 Science	Grades 10-12 AP Math and Science
General Math	General Science	General Math	General Science	AP Calculus
Pre-Algebra	Physical Science	Algebra	Biology	AP Statistics
Algebra	Biology	Pre-Calculus	Chemistry	AP Biology
		Calculus	Physics	AP Chemistry
		Geometry		AP Physics
		Trigonometry		

#### NFEC EITC Update — Economic Stimulus Payments

In early March, the <u>Internal Revenue Service</u> sent notices informing more than 130 million households that they may be eligible for an economic stimulus payment. The letters are part of an extensive outreach effort to alert people that they must file a 2007 tax return to receive the payment.

Organizations that serve people who have a <u>disability or are elderly</u> may wish to make sure their clients file their taxes in 2007 even if they do not need to file and do not expect a refund. The law stipulates that the rebate check may not to be considered in any federal benefits eligibility test.

Starting in May, millions of households will be receiving checks or deposits into their bank accounts of \$300, \$600, \$1,200 or more. In most cases, the IRS will distribute the funds to the same address or account number that tax refunds were sent. Thus, people who file their taxes early and electronically will receive the payments sooner. If a split refund form (Form 8888) was used, the stimulus payment will be sent in check form only. Also, filers who received Refund Anticipation Loans will receive their payments via check.

The first transfer of payments will be made to those filers who received a refund via direct deposit. If a filer owes money or expects no refund, the payment can still be provided via direct deposit as long as the filer includes a routing number and account number on their tax return. Checks will then be sent out over a period of three weeks or so.

#### \$300 - \$1,200 Payments to Eligible Recipients

Individuals earning less than \$75,000 annually will receive a check for up to \$600. Couples earning less than \$150,000 annually will receive up to \$1,200. Payments would phase out beginning with individuals with more than \$75,000 in adjusted gross income (AGI) and couples with more than \$150,000 in AGI.

- Families will also receive \$300 for each child younger than 17.
- Additionally, workers who can verify that they earned at least \$3,000 in 2007 and have little to no tax liability will be eligible for payments of \$300 although they must file their taxes
- Seniors, disabled veterans and veterans' widows who can verify \$3,000 in Social Security or veterans' disability benefits in 2007 are eligible to receive payments of \$300.

The determination of income and children is based on the filed 2007 tax return. To receive the funds, 2007 income taxes must be filed with a social security number. ITINs or individual tax identification numbers will not suffice. The funds will not arrive until after May.

To receive the stimulus payment, taxes must be processed by the IRS by December 31, 2008. This means that taxes need not be filed by April 15 to receive the payment. Filers should aim to submit their tax forms by October.

#### Choose to Save

While the message from policymakers has encouraged using these funds on goods and services, asset advocates can use these payments as an opportunity to promote savings and wealth building. Savings is the means that enables families to withstand medical emergencies and other financial shocks, purchase assets and ensure a prosperous future.

#### "EARTH DAY: Remember the Four R's — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink"

This year "Earth Day" is April 22. It is the annual celebration of the environment and a time to celebrate our gains that we have made and to access the work still needed to protect the natural gifts of our planet. Taking care of our earth is not just a responsibility—it's a privilege. Earth Day is observed around the world, although nowhere is it a national holiday, and YOU can make a big difference. There has been environmental progress because of the efforts of many. The air we breathe is cleaner, between 1970 and 2005, total emissions of the six principle air pollutants in the United States declined by 53% which has been tracked by the EPA. The U.S. is gaining wetlands between 1998 and 2004, the net gain was 191,750 acres. The ozone layer is also recovering. According to the United Nations, the ozone layer is expected to slowly recover over the next 50 years as a result of the elimination of ozone-depleting chemicals.

Let us continue with this progress. We can learn how to create "greener" energy efficient, comfortable and healthy homes. Pay attention to how you use water; the little things can make a big difference: watch for leaks, turn it off whenever you can, wash your clothes in cooler water, and drink tap water instead of bottled water if you can. Leave your car at home (especially with the gas prices). If you can stay off the road just two days a week, you will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 1,590 pounds per year. Combine your errands (post office, grocery store, bank, etc). Walk or ride your bike to work, school and anywhere you can or carpool. You will reduce greenhouse gases while burning calories and improving your health. We can learn how to compost our kitchen and yard waste which will reduce the amount of trash we send to landfills. Compost makes a great

natural fertilizer, and it is easier to do than you think. We can also begin using compact fluorescent light bulbs that use ¼ of the energy of incandescent bulbs. Remember to snip apart the six-pack plastic rings before you throw them away as they can entangle birds, fish and small animals. Also don't throw out old batteries because they contain mercury that can leak into our groundwater or be burned and released into the air. Try rechargeable batteries. Remember the four R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink.

As you can see, there are many things we can do to protect and save our earth. My goal is to begin a recycling and other "green" programs for our Community in the very near future. I commend all of you who are already using these tips and to those who help every year with spring cleanups of our homes, roads and cemeteries. Be watching for the Spring clean up dates and information on another clean sweep. We can be proud and celebrate the gains that we have made in protecting the gifts given to us by our God and Creator. I am also proud of your continued opposition on sulfide mining. Please call me if you have any questions and suggestions, and please continue to pray that our beautiful land and water remain free of contamination for us to continue to enjoy. There are also many great ideas on the internet. We wish all of you a very happy Spring!

#### "Save The Earth"

People everywhere, breathe the same air, share the same seas, live together on the land. People everywhere who learn, plan, work, care... can save the Earth.

-Betty Miles

~Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President

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#### SUMMER COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM

The Tribal Council has approved funding for a Summer College Intern Program. Five students will be placed with tribal departments for 14 weeks this summer, working 32 hours per week @ \$8.20 per hour. Students must be KBIC members, attending college full-time during the 2007-08 academic year and continuing during the 2008-09 academic year, must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and must provide proof of GPA, full-time status and college major. If the number of students applying is greater than the number of positions available, the highest GPA's will be used to determine placement.

To apply, please contact Pauline Spruce at the Personnel Office at the Tribal Center. Her phone number is 353-6623, ext. 4140. The deadline to apply is May 16, 2008, at 4 p.m. Students could begin work as early at May 27. Applications will be accepted after May 16th if all positions are not filled.

If you have any questions regarding the Summer College Intern Program, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 353-4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

#### Three Fires Artist Needed.

The Homecoming of the Three Fires Powwow Committee is seeking a T-shire design for the powwow that will be held June 14-15, 2008. The T-shirt design will be selected from the submissions that meet the following criteria:

- Artist must be a member or descendent from a Three Fires Tribe (Ottawa, Chippewa, Potawatomi) and submit a copy of their tribal I.D. or other documentation.
- Original artwork must be submitted and becomes the property of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians.
- Include artist's name, address, telephone number and/or email address on the back of the design.

Theme: Honoring the Continued Gathering of the People of the Three Fires.

Deadline: April 10, 2008, received in our office.

Size limitation: 8 1/2 " X 11"

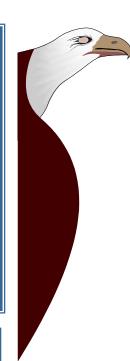
Colors: Four maximum (To be considered for T-shirt design.)

Any work submitted after the deadline will not be considered for the t-shirt logo, but may be used in promoting the

Original artwork becomes the property of Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians.

Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians ATTN: Ron Yob

1252 Plainfield, N.E., Ste. B P.O. Box 2937 Grand Rapids, MI 49501-2937





## Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center

A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

#### Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- **Tribal Business Owner Directory**
- **Business Development Resources** Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet
- Services, Meeting Room
- **Business Support & Developmental Education Classes**
- Confidential Credit Counseling & **Financial Literacy Classes**
- "Indianpreneur" Business **Development Program**

#### 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Timothy W. Shanahan, **Business Counselor** 

Tina Durant. Services Coordinator

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

> Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



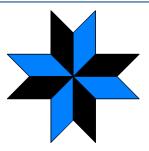
#### NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR "DREAM CATCHER" AWARD

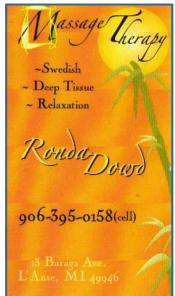
The KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Program recognizes the efforts of community individuals to honor children through their efforts in the areas of early childhood education, social services, parenting and mentoring. As part of the National Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country (April 13-19, 2008) KBIC Even Start is spotlighting the people who make a positive difference in the lives of young children in our community.

As a Family Literacy Program, KBIC Even Start emphasizes four areas of education for the low-income families it serves. By addressing the literacy needs of the entire family, KBIC Even Start places emphasis on meeting family education goals through adult education, early childhood education, parenting and interactive literacy activities. The program works in collaboration with many community programs and services to meet these goals and appreciates. the dedication of parents, teachers and partners. Through a strong web of support, children in our community are able to learn and grow through the inspiration and talents of caring adults.

The "Dream Catcher" award will be announced during April's Week of the Young Child. This award is KBIC Even Start's tribute to the caring men and women who, in many different ways, contribute to the education and welfare of young children ages 0-8 assisting them in their ability to "catch their dreams." The public is encouraged to help us recognize any adults whose parenting, teaching, or community service benefits the young children of Baraga County.

Nominations for this year's Dream Catcher Award can be submitted to the KBIC Even Start office at 353-8161 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:mdeline@kbocc.org">mdeline@kbocc.org</a>. Please submit the name of your choice, phone number, and reason why this person deserves to be recognized. Deadline for nominations: noon, Monday April 7th.







#### Keweenaw Bay **Indian Community Employment Opportunities**

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, applica-

tion and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit:

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm

Summer Interim — May 16 deadline

Recreation Facility Attendant — April 3 deadline THPO/NAGPRA Technician — April 3 deadline

Health Director — open till filled

#### On Call positions:

- \* I PN \* RN
- \* Unit Manager \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Child Care Provider Cashier C

\* Receptionist/Clerical Worker

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# NEV ENPLOYEES



## Elementary Tutor for the Baraga Area Schools —

Michael Duschene of Baraga, a KBIC member, has been recently hired as KBIC Elementary Tutor (Grades K-6) in the Baraga School. He was born and raised in Baraga but has lived most of his life in Illinois. He returned to Michigan and went to college at Michigan Tech where he received a Bachelors' degree. He has always had an interest

in the education of the youth of our Community. He served on the education committee and is on the scholarship selection committee for Michigan Indian Elders Association. This new position is giving him the opportunity to continue his interest by interacting and helping the young students of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.



## Beth Dix- Elementary Tutor for the L'Anse Area Schools —

Beth Dix, a KBIC member, has been recently hired as KBIC Elementary Tutor (Grades K-6) in the L'Anse School. Beth and her husband, Dave, live in L'Anse with their four children, Jordan, Cassie, Samuel and Sarah. Beth was born and raised in Baraga County, and is the daughter of Garry and Helen Tollefson who formerly owned The Baraga Drive-In for 22 yrs. This gave her the opportunity to work at the Drive-In for 15 years. She graduated from L'Anse High School and has four years of college education. Beth

has been very active in the school system substitute teaching, volunteering, and serving as President of the CJ Sullivan PTO. She currently is serving on the L'Anse Area School Board of Education. Beth indicated, "I applied for this job because I strongly believe in the importance of education and enjoy working with children. I hope to establish a strong working relationship with the students and help them achieve their highest potential. I look forward to servicing the KBIC students."



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## BAY MILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE NISHNAABEMWIN PANE IMMERSION PROGRAM

#### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community - Baraga

#### Immersion Weekends 2008

Dates	Classes	Instructions
April 4, 5 & 6 May 30, 31, & June 1	NP161—Ojibwe Immersion I, 8 cr. NP162—Ojibwe Immersion II, 8 cr.	Barb Nolan, Rhonda Hopkins
June 20, 21 & 22 July 11, 12 & 13	NP262—Listening Comprehensive II, 8 cr.	
August 8, 9 & 10		

The program is designed to facilitate the language student's acquisition of the Nishnaabe language by developing their ability to understand the content of fluent speakers' speech, respond to that speech appropriately and produce an advanced level of spontaneous Nishnaabemwin speech.

The program is intended for students deeply interested in, and committed to acquiring ability to comprehend and speak Nishnaabemwin.

#### Guiding Principles for Immersion Instructors:

- The instructor will speak only Nishnaabemwin to the students and to other speakers.
- The instructor will make repeated, varied and reasonable attempts to facilitate the student's understanding of what is being communicated in Nish-naghemwin
- The instructor will continually assure the students that listening in and of itself is crucial to Nishnaabemwin acquisition.
- The instructor will never force students to speak Nishnaabemwin.
- The instructor will respect that it is the student's decision when and whether to speak Nishnaabemwin.
- The instructor will never publicly correct nor criticize a student's attempt to produce speech.
- If a student produces speech that is grammatically incorrect, the instructor will continue as if the student made no mistake in speech production.
- If a student produces speech that is factually incorrect, the instructor will restate correctly what the student was trying to say.
- The instructor will continually assess the comprehension level of the students and make reasonable attempts to adjust the level of speech to accommodate the students.

#### Guiding Principles for Immersion Students

- The students will listen attentively to the instructor while fully understanding that active listening leads to comprehension, that comprehension eventually leads to speech production and that this process will be difficult until the students have actively listened to an immersion instructor for at least 2,000 hours.
- The students will make every effort to understand what the instructor is trying to communicate and will not become discouraged when unable to comprehend.
- The students will make reasonable efforts to increase their hours of active listening.
- The students will make a good-faith effort to minimize their use of English in attempting to communicate.
- The students will respect the wishes of other students who do not want to hear English, and will refrain from using English when communicating with those individuals during class time.
- The students are solely responsible for the decision of when and whether to speak Nishnaabemwin.
- The students fully recognizes that their capacity to understand what is being said in Nishnaabemwin will exceed their ability to speak in Nishnaa-
- The students will never criticize other students nor publically correct another student's speech production.

#### For More Information:

#### Call Geraldine Mantila, KBIC Culture Committee Chairman, 906-353-6623, Ext. 4134 or 906-353-7020.

KBIC members can take the class at no charge for tuition and fees. Students must also be enrolled at BMCC.

To register visit www.bmcc.edu or call Wade Teeple, Off-Campus Coordinator for enrollment/fees at 1-800-844-BMCC

Registration will take place at the first weekend of class, April 4-6, 2008.

Classes are held at the KBIC Cultural Building, Ojibwa Powwow Grounds, Baraga, MI 49908.

### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

#### **VANESSA JOAN GAUTHIER**

(February 13, 2008 - March 8, 2008)

Vanessa Joan Gauthier, infant daughter of Melissa McSawby and Jamie Gauthier went to be with an Angel of God on March 8, 2008, at the Baraga County Memorial Hospital. Vanessa was born February 13, 2008, in Hancock, Michigan, and although her time here was short, she brought great joy and was loved very much by her family. The short little time she was here with us she was our everything, our world, our



angel. Everyone who met her couldn't help but to fall in love and smiled the moment they saw her. She will always be in our hearts with us until we see her again.

"Angel's Hands: Hands that hold a little one, safe and snug upon their lap. Rocking when the day is done, or just in time to take a nap. Little treasures told in stories, teaching right from wrong, or the sound of a whisper, have come to mean so much, leaving precious memories forever. An angel's hands gently held me, caressing me with their love. Leaving behind a precious memory, of an angel's sweet love." author unknown

Surviving as her parents Melissa McSawby of L'Anse and Private First Class Jamie Gauthier who is stationed in Iraq; maternal grandparents Colleen and John DeRoche of Zeba; paternal grandparents Cathy (Al) Shelifoe of Baraga, and George Gauthier of Baraga; paternal great grandmother Joan Gauthier of Baraga, maternal great grandparents William and Gretchen Emery of Zeba; great great uncle Jerry Lee (Cindy) Curtis of Baraga; great aunt Jody Miller of Zeba; aunts and uncles Carmen, Nellie, Josh, Tricia, Justin, LeRoy, Kyle, Rebecca and Trisan; several more aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, and many cousins.

Preceded in death are maternal great grandmother Alice Curtis, maternal great grandmother Georgianna Emery; maternal great grandmother Beverly Miller; paternal great grandfather LeRoy Gauthier.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at the Jacobson Funeral Home. Rev. John Henry officiated. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

#### SAMUEL L. SPRUCE

(November 4, 1935 - February 24, 2008)

Samuel L. Spruce, age 72, of Keshena, Wisconsin, passed away on February 24 2008, at his home. Samuel was born on November 4, 1935, the son of the late Samuel and Margaret Spruce. Sam served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged on January 25, 1957. On December 20, 1962, he was united in marriage to Veronica Nunway in Shawano. After he moved to that area, 35 years ago, he worked as a Tribal Police Officer for the Menominee Tribe. He also owned and operated his own trucking company with his sons and was employed at Menominee Tribal Enterprise as a truck driver in the mill and later at the Menominee Casino as a security guard. Sam and Vera were foster care parents for many children. Veronica preceded him in death in 1998. Sam was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, St. Anthony's Catholic Church and the Menominee Snowmobile Club. He enjoyed bowling and bowled on a number of different leagues. He enjoyed shooting pool, playing bingo and slots, hunting, fishing, picking berries, playing poker with family and friends, attending powwows and spending time with his many children and grandchildren. He was a loyal Packer fan, Cubs fan, San Antonio Spurs fan, and #17 Matt Kenseth was his favorite NASCAR driver.

Sam is survived by his children, Jerry (Girl) Nunway of Keshena, Samuel "Oscar" (Kelly) Spruce Jr. of Oneida, Marvin "Zeb" (Toni) Spruce, Sr. of Green Bay, Jeffrey "Razz" Spruce of Keshena, Violet (Allen) Ninham of Gresham, Carol (Bill) Tyler of Keshena, Debra (John) Spruce of South Branch, Margaret (Kurt) Spruce of Keshena; special daughter, Theresa Penass; 21 grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; his special little buddies, Sam Bug, Tiny, Nevaeh, Ernie, Shay, Allie, Bert; and two special granddaughters who cared for Grampa through his final days, Sam Turtle and Lora Mouse. Sam is further survived by four sisters Eleanor Seppanen, Evelyn Holappa, Rosemary (Alex) Haataja, of Zeba, MI, and Barbara Mantila of Baraga, MI, one brother, Ronald (Betty) Spruce of Zeba, MI; and one sister-in-law, Elda Marie Dickie of Keshena. Sam was preceded in death by his wife, Veronica; his son, Rick Nunway; two grandchildren, Jacqueline Nunway, Mitchell Richard Peters; his parents; and three brothers, Robert Spruce, Russell Spruce and Kenneth Spruce.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit, WI, with the Rev. David Kiefer officiating. Military Rites were conducted by the Menominee American Legion Post #497 and the Veterans of the Menominee Nation at the church following the service. Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano, WI, assisted the family with the arrangements.

#### LESTER E. "OGIMAA-GIIZHIK" DRIFT JR.

(April 24, 1965 — March 18, 2008)

Lester E. "OGIMAA-GIIZHIK" Drift Jr., age 42, of L'Anse. Michigan, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. He was born in Duluth, MN, on April 24, 1965, the son of Lester E. and Karen (Strong) Drift Sr. Lester attended school in Orr, Minnesota. He married the former Frances Chosa in Zeba, on July 12, 1987. Lester owned and operated his own roofing company, Drift Roofing in L'Anse. He was a member of the Bois Forte Indian Community in Nett Lake, MN, and the L'Anse Area School Board. Lester enjoyed attending and participating in powwows, coaching little league, bingo and playing computer chess.

Mr. Drift is survived by his loving family; wife, Frances, children, Alden (Angela) Connor of L'Anse, Dan (Beth) Connor of L'Anse, Tiara Drift, Taylor Drift, Tiana Drift, Trinity Drift, Tina (John) Messer, Tanya Miller, and Teresa Miller all of L'Anse, eight grandchildren, his parents, brothers Peter (Lori) Drift, Mark Drift, and Bart Drift, sisters Karlene (Donald) Chosa, and Farrah Drift. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Traditional funeral services for Mr. Drift were held on March 22, 2008, at the Ojibwa Community College gymnasium, Baraga, Michigan. The Reid Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.



#### Attention - All Tribal Youth, ages 16-18, interested in a Health career?

There is only three weeks left to apply to the American Indian Physicians Association (AAIP) to be selected to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI). NNAYI is designed to better prepare American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) high school students to remain in the academic pipeline and pursue a career in the health professions and/or biomedical research. NNAYI's curriculum is presented in a series of lectures, interactive workshops, and field trips. Students learn about various health professions, college and medical school admission process, financial aid resources and health care issues affecting AI/AN communities as our own. Students will get the opportunity to network with AI/AN professionals and learn more about mentoring and shadowing opportunities with AAIP member physicians.

#### Eligibility

The AAIP will select 60 Al/AN high school students, age 16-18, to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Patty Iron Cloud NNAYI program to be held June 21-29, 2008, in Washington, DC. Students planning to enter health careers are eligible to apply. Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA (A= 4.0). Students will be selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, demonstrated interest in the fields of health sciences or biomedical research, leadership skills and personal attributes. The AAIP scholarship pays for lodging, most meals and travel expenses to and from Washington DC.

NNAYI is not a summer camp! It is an intense enrichment program that consists of a rigorous schedule of all-day sessions. You must be prepared to work hard and use your own initiative to take advantage of this learning opportunity!

All information can be found at the <a href="www.aaip.org/programs/nnayi/nnayi.htm">www.aaip.org/programs/nnayi/nnayi.htm</a> website. Copies of applications are available at the Youth Programs offices. We will assist you in filling out your applications. Contact us at 353-4644 or 4643. <a href="Application deadline">Application deadline</a> is April 18, 2008.

## **KEWEENAW BAY YOUTH COUNCIL Regular Meeting, March 10, 2008**

**Call to Order-** The regular meeting of the KBIC Youth Council was called to order by President, Tashina Emery, at approximately 7:45 p.m.

**Present** – Tashina Emery, President, Angelica Bogda, Vice President; and Ethan Smith, Treasurer; were all in attendance. Members of the youth in attendance were: J. Chaudier, R. Voakes and D.J. Chaudier. Rez Runner practice was also in session. Carole LaPointe, Youth Director, was in attendance.

**Treasurer Report** – Ethan Smith, Treasurer, gave a verbal report that \$752 was made at the Valentines Dance(s) on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary** – DeAnna Varline, Secretary, was absent. Youth Director took the meeting minutes.

**Discussion –** There was motion made by Ethan Smith to look into new lighting and Dance equipment for the Youth Club. The Youth Director will get three bids for this and present it to the committee at the next meeting. The attendance drawing was held. Ethan Smith won a \$25 gift card from Shopko. The next drawing will be at the May 2008 meeting. Each person attending tonight will be eligible for the next drawing. There are currently four Rez Runner Teams. Their practice schedule is posted throughout the building and on the youth weblink at <a href="https://www.ojibwa.com">www.ojibwa.com</a>. The youth calendar is posted on the website too.

There is a sign-up sheet for the dances on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet for the NMU Powwow on Saturday. Everyone must be signed up by Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

There is a TLC Conference in Stephenson, in April. Several youth signed up to go. The next meeting will be on April 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. Carole LaPointe talked about the NAIG (North American Indigenous Games).

Respectively submitted,

President, Tashina Emery (Acting) Secretary for DeAnna Varline

### JESSICA KOSKI WINS FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM

Classes, practicum, Internship make up unique Washington, D.C. experience Real World Political Training in the heart of our Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Jessica Koski, a junior at Michigan Technological University, has been accepted to participate in the Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., sponsored by AT&T. This program brings together undergraduate and graduate Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaskan Native students from around the country for an intensive semester of coursework, hands-on skills practicum with political professionals and meetings and events with key national leaders and organizations. For example, a recent group of NAPLP students met with Barry Jackson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives as well as Justice Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court, and Commissioner Michael Toner of the Federal Election Commission. NAPLP students take advantage of their time here by interfacing with National Indian Education Association, the Smithsonian Museum and the U.S. Congress. Students this semester will continue to meet with national leaders and organizations but with an added eye toward the competitive Presidential election. Students are volunteering for campaigns, attending events and rallies, and taking full advantage of their time inside the beltway.

Koski has accepted an internship with the Office of Indian Affairs House and will participate in the program's legislative practicum in which she will work as part of a team of students under the tutelage of a professional lobbyist in developing a lobbying plan for current revisions to No Child Left Behind.

The Semester in Washington Program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to study and earn credit toward their degree at George Washington University while experiencing the nation's capital and developing career direction for their post-graduation endeavors. Fore more information on the Semester in Washington, call 1-800-367-4776 or check the program's web site at <a href="http://www.semesterinwashington.org">http://www.semesterinwashington.org</a>.

#### **BOY'S NIGHT OUT**



KBIC Youth Boys Night out was held on Friday, March 7, and was great fun for all who attended. Bill Jondreau, Irvin Smith and Gary Loonsfoot Jr. chaperoned the group of twelve boys, ages four-twelve. The boys attended the Northern Michigan Wildcats versus Ohio State college hockey game which was the first round of the CCHA playoffs. Northern Michigan was beat four to three on this night but did win the series — two games to one. The boys enjoyed dinner at the Coney Express, attended the hockey game and received an NMU mini hockey stick compliments of the KBIC Youth Club.

#### **KBIC Diabetes Program Events**

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Care includes nail trimming and foot exam. Friday, April 11th in the KBIC Dental Clinic.

To schedule an appointment contact Heather at 353-4546 or Kathy at 353-4519.

## piabetes Talking Circle & Education

Best Western Lakeside Inn - Baraga, MI 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: What Can I Eat?

Learn how you can earn a prize valued at \$20 or greater!

For more information contact Kathy at 353-4519 or Heather at 353-4546.

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**Chair** 3:00 p.m. **Floor** 4:30 p.m.

8 Week Program

Starting April 21st Mondays & Thursdays Ojibwa Motel Chippewa Rooms

Registration is required. To register contact Heather at 353-4546.

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## **April 2008**

Notice: There will be *limited* use of the Niiwin Akeea Youth Gym, beginning 4/6/08, as there will be MDOC Officer Cadet training taking place from 6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. **Dates of use will be:** 4/6/08 – 4/18/08. Please inquire with Youth Director, facility attendants, for any use of the gym. There will be posted times for Open Gym and walking. **Miigwetch for your cooperation during this time.** 

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### ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS VISIT NMU FOR INDIGENOUS SUMMIT

MARQUETTE—Northern Michigan University will host its first Indigenous Earth Day Summit on Tuesday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 23. All activities are free and open to the public. They will be held in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

The summit will include films, roundtable action workshops and presentations on a variety of international Indigenous environmental issues, such as Great Lakes health, the revitalization of traditional ecological knowledge and the impacts of industrialism and climate change on Indigenous peoples and communities.

An Aboriginal Australian delegation will give keynote presentations during the event. Its members are part of an international Indigenous project called Traditional Knowledge Revival Pathways (TKRP).

"As Indigenous people, we have a responsibility to the earth," said John Hunter of the Australian delegation. "The earth is our mother; she gives us life and sustains us. We need to protect and heal our country and community in order for future generations to exist. Only as united communities joined in local, regional, national and international alliances can we rise to meet the environmental challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

Hunter, who has worked with TKRP for two years, records traditional knowledge from Indigenous elders as a means of restoring Indigenous traditions and revitalizing knowledge. He said the process brings Indigenous communities together by honoring the elders for their knowledge and re-involving the youth with their communities and cultural traditions

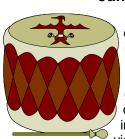
"Our goal while in Marquette," Hunter said, "is to gather support to assist our Anishinaabeg hosts and others to establish international links with Australian Aboriginal communities in an effort to record and maintain our traditional knowledge and apply it for the benefit of country and community. This is part of healing the pain and destruction of the past to create growth that will help develop new sustainable lifeways based on the traditional wisdom of our ancestors in combination with contemporary technology."

An Earth Day music jam is also planned with a performance on the traditional didgeridoo.

Even though there is no charge to attend, registration is recommended—and it is required for those planning to attend meals at the summit. For more information or to register, visit <a href="https://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans">www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans</a> or call 906-227-1397. A full schedule, when available, also will be posted on the Web site. For more information about the TKRP, visit <a href="https://www.tkrp.com.au">www.tkrp.com.au</a>.

The summit is sponsored by NMU's Center for Native American Studies, Environmental Science Program and Office of International Programs. The Aboriginal Australian Delegation is also part of NMU's International Speakers Series.

#### OJIBWE DRUM SONGS DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE, April 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m.. Northern Michigan University, Jamrich Hall 102



"Ojibwe Drum Songs" is a documentary revealing a glimpse into the life of one Ojibwe elder, his stories and the songs that come to life around the drum. Blending story, song and dance, the filmmakers portray individual songs sharing with viewers their lessons. The film

also follows the men, women and children who have become family while singing together over the past several years.

#### \$5 general public. \$3 students. Children FREE

A fry bread sale will also be held as a fundraiser for the NMU Native American Student Association.

Sponsored by the NMU Sociology & Social Work Department and hosted by the NMU Center for Native American Studies.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Loukinen at 906-227-2041.

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#### **OJIBWEMOWIN**

Iskigamizige Giizis — Maple Sugar Making Moon — April

Ziigwan

Mii azhigwa ani-ziigwang igo gaye goon ani-ziigwang.

Wiiba da-baakibiiyaa imaa wiikwedong.

Mii apii anishinaabe eskigamiziged.

Zhiiwaagamiziganikewaad, odaabajitoonaawaan biskitenaaganan miinawaa iniw negwaakwaanan.

Endaso-giizhik idash igo naadoobiiwag.

Mii go gaye eni-ishkwaa-iskigamizigewaad, odizhi-ozhitoonaawaan iko iniw ziiga'igaansan gii-miinimind abinoojiinyan.

Aapiji go gii-maminwanjigewag iko anishinaabeg mewinzha yiiban isa go.

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Spring

It is now toward spring and the snow is melting away.

Soon the bay will be open.

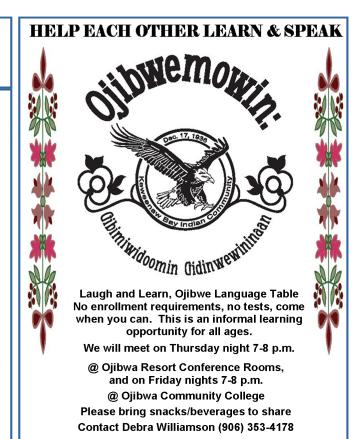
This is when the Indian goes sugar-bushing.

When they make syrup, they use sap-collecting containers and spiles.

Every day they haul sap.

When they near finish boiling sap, they make sugar cakes which are given to the kids.

The Indians used to eat quite well long time ago.



#### NOTICE TO KBIC TRIBAL MEMBERS:

Tribal Members in Baraga County without an address or fire sign, please contact Donald Takala and one will be assigned. The cost will be covered by the Tribal Council.

> Donald Takala, 911 Coordinator 12 N. Third Street L'Anse, MI 49946 524-6911 baraga911@up.net

Meet Benjamin Ryan Shelifoe born 01/08/2008, to Lizbeth Ekdahl and Gerry Shelifoe. Benjamin was 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches at birth.



Meet Jermaine William Boshey born 03/07/2008, to Andrea Marie Strong and Steven Boshey Jr. Jermaine was 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 inches at birth. Grandmother is Becky Chosa.



Meet Breanna Jondreau born 03/05/2008, to Elizabeth Sherman and Jerry Jondreau. Breanna was 8 lbs. 1½ oz. and was 19½ inches at birth.

Third Moby Reunion, Saturday, September 13, 2008, 12 noon-4 pm; Grand Traverse Band Benzie Tribal Center, 7282 Hoadley Benzonia. Michigan Please bring your favorite dish to pass plus your table service. foraet your family history and photos to share. Please bring \$1 gift for our buddy bingo table per person attending. Thank you all for the pictures and history of your families you brought and told us about previously. Your gift of kinship and friendship makes our family proud to know each and everyone of you. See you at the reunion: Cathy Philo, 231-276-0048, email :CPhilo504@hotm ail.com.

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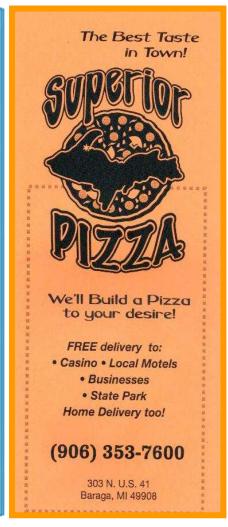


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# GIIKENDAA! CHIWIKWEGAMAG



All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Waabigwani Giizis - Flower Moon - May 2008

**Tribal Council Members:** 

Warren C. Swartz Jr., President Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President

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Frederick Dakota



#### **EMERY ELECTED GLIFWC'S BOARD SECRETARY**

William "Gene" Emery, KBIC, was elected as the GLIFWC Board Secretary for 2008 at the (Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission) January meeting which was held in Mole Lake, Wisconsin. Also elected were: Curt Kalk, Mille Lacs, as Board Chairman, and Rose Gurnoe, Red Cliff, as Vice Chairman. The GLIFWC Board of Commissioners is an inter-tribal, co-management agency committed to the implementation of off-reservation treaty rights on behalf of its eleven Ojibwe member tribes. The Board is comprised of one representative from each of the eleven member tribes (Bay Mills Community, Keweenaw Bay Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band, Bad River Band, Lac Courte Oreilles Band, Lac du Flambeau Band, Red Cliff Band, St. Croix Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa, Fond du Lac Band and Mille Lacs Band).

#### April 5, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on April 5, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan.

Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Council approved the Department Head reports for February 2008, and meeting minutes of February 22, 2008, and February 25, 2008.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. The President's office has been a busy place during the month of March with over 180 contacts consisting of council members, tribal members, employees and individuals from the community and of other tribes. On March 3, 4, and 5, 2008, President Swartz attended the National Congress of American Indians Winter Executive Session in Washington D.C., to meet with our congressional leaders and inform them of our collective concerns in Indian Country. President Swartz summarized the lengthy content of the three day meeting with Council and members of the audience. President Swartz indicated that on March 5th he attended a reception for Congressman Frank Pallone Jr., Vice Chairman of the Congressional Native American Caucus & Chairman of the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Health. President Swartz presented Pallone with a check on behalf of the Community and had the opportunity to talk with him regarding our need to pass the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) out of the house before Easter. Congressman Pallone indicated there were a couple of issues that had to be cleared up before passing the IHCIA but he (Pallone) was confident that it would be passed shortly after the Easter break. President Swartz was also able to speak briefly with him regarding the needs of our Community including funding for OCC, Tribal Court, Public Safety, and he also thanked him for his help to Indian Country. Also on March 5, President Swartz spoke with Patricia Readinger (Senator Stabenow's aid) and Congressman Stupak, advising them of the need to pass the IHCIA and our needs at OCC, Tribal Court, Public Safety, and Ojibwa Housing Authority. He thanked them both for their commitment to help in Indian Country. On March 10, President Swartz and CEO Larry Denomie met with the managers of the Ojibwa Casinos and advised them of the current financial status of the Casinos. The managers were pleased with the meeting and financial update. They were encouraged to meet with the managers again in the near future. On March 11, the grant to help revitalize the Anishinaabe language was submitted to ANA President Swartz also signed a grant application for VOCA. This program provides assistance for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, etc. and has been in existence for 17 years. The VOCA grant funding makes this immediate support available to victims. President Swartz signed a change order for Hitch to provide a new heating system for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens building. He also signed a letter to Chairman Hogen of the National Indian Gaming Commission regarding our concerns of the MICS advisory committee replacing government to government consultations. President Swartz also attended a retirement committee meeting. Swartz indicated that he has been in contact with Matt Wesaw, Executive Director of the Michigan United Tribes, via e-mail,

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- April 5, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- Busy in the woodshop
- Future Entrepreneurs visit NYC
- Drug Conviction Report
- 2008 OCC Graduates
- Lake Superior Water Level Update
- New Employees
- Our Deepest Sympathy
- Aabinoojiiyens
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on the possibility of meeting with Presidential candidates, which would provide a chance for tribal leaders to speak to high ranking political leaders who may have an impact on our tribal members. President Swartz met with Linda Durbin from the National Indian Gaming Commission who indicated that she was here to look at background checks regarding key employees of the casinos. Dan Leveque of Gunlach, stopped by the President's office to inform us that his company has been placed on the short list for the construction of BCMH. Swartz asked Leveque to keep us in mind for a possible joint venture with our Tribal Construction Company. President Swartz spoke with Chief Judge Dakota regarding the appellate court and was informed that there are a number of cases that need to be dealt with in the near future. Vice Chairman Susan LaFernier has informed him (Swartz) she will continue to work on the appointments for the appellate court and will continue to move forward with completing the project. President Swartz attended a GLIFWC Board of Commissioners meeting at Lac Courte Oreilles where he gave an update on the mining case and asked them to allow John Coleman to testify in our contested case hearing in Lansing. And finally, on Friday, March 28, the President's office received word that we lost the Sales and Use Tax Case. In summary, the Community is limited to challenging whether Defendant's procedure for administering the Sales and Use Tax Acts complies with federal law. Because the taxes cover some transactions and uses involving Indians that are tax-exempt and some that are taxable, the State is free to impose minimal burdens on Indians who are reasonably tailored to the collection of valid taxes. Defendant's practice of requiring payment of taxes absent an approved exemption imposes only a minimal burden on the Community and its members. Likewise, the information Defendant's request to determine whether to grant an exemption is relevant to whether a particular activity is taxable, and thus, is reasonably tailored to the collection of valid taxes. Therefore, the Court will grant summary judgment in Defendant's favor on all counts relating to future enforcement of the Sales and Use Tax Acts (counts IX-XXVI).

Council at this time asked Attorney John Baker to make a statement regarding the Summary Judgment issued for the Sales and Use Tax Case, which lead to a lengthy discussion. Two types of claims were brought in a federal law suit against the State of Michigan in this case. One claim related to the 1993-1994 taxes that were imposed by the State and against the Community and where, ultimately, the offset was imposed by the State against that tax assessment in 2005. The second group of claims related to the enforcement of the Michigan sales and use tax on the Community and its members for tangible personal property and services within the reservation and trust lands. The Court essentially held after a lot of technical holdings on immunities, standings, case in controversy issues, that the State of Michigan was given a Summary Judgment on all of the counts in the case. In doing so, the Court held that sales and use taxes, while issues on the 1993-1994 taxes, and it is fairly complicated, but the long and short of it is, that the Court held that there was no standing on the part of the Community to bring the case because the taxes were assessed and then the State took an offset against funds that were held for the State and therefore under exparte Young, the Community did not have any standing because any relief would be prospected or in the future, and there were no future claim for liability for any taxes because they had essentially been paid by virtual of the offset. On the sales and use tax, the Court went through a very convoluted analysis of the various issues and finally concluded that the bright line test that the Community and tribal members were not subject to sales tax did not imply and that there would have to be a balancing of interests as to the application of the tax and therefore the procedures employed by the State of Michigan of requiring tribal members and the community to submit requests of exempts for each and every purchase, whether it be a tube of toothpaste or a television set and anything in-between was permissible. The Community takes the position that there is a bright line that the Community and the tribal members are not subjected to and are immune, having immunity against the sales taxes. The Judge disagreed. That is the summary of a very complicated opinion but he (Baker) indicated he tried to make it as understandable as possible. He added that he does need to talk to Council about the details, appeal issues, and that sort of thing, and that he does have some recommendations to make. Discussion continued on the topic of tax agreements. Council member Michael LaFernier Sr. stated, "To me, it seems like they're pushing us towards that tax agreement." Council member Fred Dakota added, "Well, you know, if we're gonna have any agreements with them, well, maybe we should have a comprehensive agreement where we do all of it, the hunting and fishing, the taxes, the whole shot. Then we wouldn't have to worry about it anymore. I mean if you're gonna do one, do it all. " Council member Jennifer Misegan indicated, "Why would we want to do one about hunting and fishing?" Dakota stated, "Well, because we're always fighting with them about that too, so." Misegan stated, "We're not." Dakota stated, "Rather than fighting with them, let's just do it all. Then maybe we'll have more people interested in sitting in on these discussions and talking about the whole thing by including hunting and fishing." Misegan stated, "I wouldn't at all involve the hunting and fishing." Council member Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, stated, "Well as far as your telephone bill, that's all the Chairman has to do is send a letter and say I'm not paying it. We live on the reservation and do not have to pay it. " Attorney John Baker indicated, "That is not what the Court said." Mayo, added, "We have to start exercising it. You can't ask for it, you have to exercise your sovereignty." Attorney Baker informed, "That is what we did by starting the law suit. We have exercised the sovereignty by filing the law suit. The Court is now saying that there has to be a balancing of interests, and therefore each and every tribal member has to apply for an exemption. Now that is complicated, but maybe it could be worked out in an overall agreement. But right now the bright line test, which we believe should apply, that there shouldn't have to be an application for exemption, the Court has ruled that that is incorrect. Now you can write letters to your retailers around the community and say you're not going to pay sales taxes but the question is, of course, is whether or not you're going to get the service because the retailers are the ones who pay the tax. They are the ones who are audited by the State. So if you write a letter to your propane company and state that you're not going to pay this tax, they can easily say we are not going to give you the service." Mayo asked, "So why doesn't the government take a stand? For their people." Many answered, "That is what we did and that is what the law suit is all about." Mayo added, "No, what I'm saying is as far as with a letter, sending it, then you're backing your people. You're saying you don't have to pay it, we believe we don't have to pay it, we're exercising our sovereignty. I know you guys all want a tax agreement, I don't want a tax agreement and I will tell you that now." Council member Doreen Blaker stated, "Jennifer did tell the company that she wasn't paying the state taxes and almost got her gas shut off!" Mayo stated, "She's one person, I'm talking the government." Misegan stated, "So did Susan, there were several people who did that." Mayo stated, "You can't do it by yourself, is what I'm trying to tell you, you can't do it by yourself." Misegan stated, "There were several people who did that." Attorney John Baker stated, "The problem is that the retailer is assessed and audited the tax by State law. If this retailer sells you propane, it has to pay the tax whether it collects it from you or not. That is what the State law is." Mayo stated, "I understand that John." Attorney John Baker continued, "So it is an economic decision by the retailer whether or not if he wants to, in effect, subsidize the tribal member's tax by providing you service without charging you the tax." Misegan stated, "Our fight is with the State of Michigan, Popcorn, it is not with the individual retailers. It isn't with Baraga Telephone Company, Ferrell Gas Company, Larry Maggaria from Larry's Market. Our issue is with the State of Michigan and the fact that our members shouldn't have to pay the sales and use tax on these goods to the State of Michigan." Dakota asked, "Why did we do that then? We won a case on the titling issue, that I have been talking about for a long time, and we never did exercise that sovereign right. What we did was, we paid the tax to the whatever the customer paid on the tax, back to them, and then we go into Court and tell the federal government, why do we have to pay this tax? Well. what the judge said was, 'I'm not going to tell two sovereigns' how to do things, if you can't figure it out yourself.' That means write titles, and you wouldn't be there to begin with. He's not going to say, I'm going to make you pay that or I'm not going to pay that. He also said at that hearing, and I was at the hearing, tribal members do not have to pay taxes on their reservation. I seen him sit there when he told us that, and I read the decision, and I'm not reading what he (Baker) is saying." Misegan informed, "There are several issues to what they're saying. Several. First of all, we're paying the tax to people, back on their vehicles, because you brought that forward to the Council." Dakota implied, "Don't blame that on me." Council member Toni Minton stated, "It was your (Dakota's) motion." Dakota replied, "No." Misegan continued, "Secondly, the issue I believe you are talking about is the Todd Chosa case. It's not about titling, that case is about paying a use tax when you buy a vehicle in a different State. That is all that case is about. The judge didn't say in this; I'm not going to tell you how to work things out, two sovereigns' and do titling. That isn't at all in here." Dakota and Mayo both stated, "That is what I got out of it." Attorney John Baker stated, "Maybe there is some confusion. Saying it in another way, the Court recognized that tribal members, and lets focus on tribal members, don't have to pay the tax if they satisfy the State of Michigan on establishing the exemption on each and every article, goods or services they purchase. The Court says that taxes cover some transactions and uses involving Indians that are tax exempt and some that are taxable. The State is free to impose minimal burdens on Indians that are reasonably tailored to collect a valued tax. Defendants have practiced of requiring payments of taxes with absence in approval exemptions imposes only a minimal burden on the Community and its members. So what the judge says, is the bright line, or the categorical exclusion of tribal members, and the Community in some instances, I guess, of having to pay these taxes does not apply but the State can impose a minimal burden and that is what they have been doing in the past, and the judge looked at that whole scenario and said that's okay. So regardless to what you may have understood what the judge was saying, what his decision was, is that that categorical exclusion which was what we were arguing for, that we didn't have to comply with minimal burdens, he held that we do have to comply with minimal burdens. So you have to notify the State in writing, you have to fill out forms, and right now you have to fill out forms for everything you buy or the retailer can charge the tax on it." Blaker added, "That is the point. The point is why should we have to fill this out for something like a tube of toothpaste. You want 900 of us to just flood your office with requests? We can do that. That's what kind of things we need to do to them. You guys (State) want to look at your minimal burdens on us? We'll flood your offices with everything. We'll stack the paperwork a million miles high for them." Misegan added, "That will be determined once we decide what we are going to do, and that may be something that we encourage the membership to do." Blaker added, "It is ridiculous. They want us to do every single item from a tube of toothpaste to a TV." President Swartz stated, "You know after listening to this that the minimal burden that the State is imposing on our tribal members, could become a huge burden on the State of Michigan. If I take a piece of paper, that when I bought Styrofoam cups, I paid six cents sales tax on that, and I write it down on a piece of paper. And if we have 1000 members on this reservation who send a piece of paper in to them with their daily transactions, asking for their exemptions, that will not be a minimal burden on the State, it'll be a huge burden on the State. And I think it'll be a huge eve opener. they're going to say, man, how are we going to do this?" Blaker added, "Flood their office." President Swartz stated, "United we stand, divided we fall, and if we want to exercise our

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sovereign right on these taxes, that is what we have to do as tribal members." President Swartz ended the discussion with "I need to express the importance that we have to talk with our attorneys (Dorsey and Whitney) to develop a strategy. We need to do that, and once we do that, we will let the tribal members know what we are going to do. This just came down Friday, and we haven't had the opportunity to do so." Debra Williamson (from the audience) stated that while she was living in Wisconsin, the members there had cards they produced with each purchase and were not charged the sales tax. Council member Toni Minton asked her if it was because their Tribe had a State Tax Agreement? She was unaware why.

Larry Denomie III, CEO, gave a report for February and March 2008. February 6, marked the first of sixteen training sessions being offered to managers and supervisors of the governments departments. Joe Constance of Constant Training is providing the instruction which has been developed from surveys of those attending the sessions. A very similar training is being conducted for enterprise managers and supervisors. The training will conclude mid-April for both entities with Council presentations to be given of skills acquired by the attendees. A turn of direction has occurred for the Ojibwa Resort's restaurant facility as the approved lessee was unable to meet necessary requirements and was unable to open as planned for March 15. Council has decided to open the facility internally and an advertisement for a working manager was posted; which closed April 4. Interviews will be scheduled and an expected opening date for the Tribe's restaurant will be mid-April. To curb insurance costs, proposals were sought for renewal of the Communities Workers Comp Policy. Three proposals were received, and reviewed, with the best policy being with our current carrier. Work on the new Wage Compensation Structure continues with all positions within the Tribe being reviewed prior to actual pay adjustments being instituted. A task force has been assigned to handle this process. It is anticipated that an additional 30-45 days will be needed to make the final recommendations to Council. Personnel policies were amended by Council to include a statement that brandishing a weapon is grounds for immediate dismissal. All employees have been informed of this policy change. Council has decided to hold off on leasing the KBIC Tire facility to review the possibility of the Ojibwa Community College offering technical training there. Debra Parrish, OCC President, has indicated that OCC will be applying for grant funding and will have more details available within the next few months. If funded, a program could be operating by fall. OCC has distributed a survey recently to assess the interest of the community. Massive amounts of records in storage have been an issue for some time and will be dealt with this year. Records within several buildings will be reviewed within a centralized storage facility in the Tribe's industrial park. It is hoped that this issue will be under control by this coming summer, resulting in space better utilized. Work has continued on the funding agreement with Ojibwa Community College with final approval taking place on March 18. This agreement provides the requested funding through the end of fiscal year 2008, and outlines the requirements for both parties. Continued funding is dependent upon OCC meeting their plan outlining the process of candidacy and eventually accreditation status. Quarterly reports will be provided to Council which will explain where OCC is within the process. A funding agreement for fiscal year 2009 will be worked on during the summer of 2008. Larry Denomie. CEO. attended the Communities Sales and Use Tax case hearing in Grand Rapids, MI. Judge Quist rendered his decision and opinion in March, which was discussed by Council earlier today. The Category III ANA Language Grant was completed and arrived in Washington D.C. on time. The grant was worked on by Jean Jokinen, Grant Writer, Debbie Williamson, Language Assessment Coordinator, Jim St. Arnold, ANA Grant Reader and KBIC Tribal member, and technical assistance provided directly to KBIC by ANA. It is hoped that a favorable decision will be received mid-to-late summer. Work has begun with a facility for the Zeba Hall. Initially it was thought that building a new building in Zeba would be the best route. After more consideration, our issues also involve not having enough space for early childhood programs, and it was discussed that building an Early Childhood Center should be investigated. Larry Denomie met with the grant writer, Jim Stingle, and found there is an opportunity to apply for an ICDBG grant which would have a high end of \$600,000 available. Tribal Council has approved a task force be formed to look into the issue. Thoughts are to move the Early Headstart, Headstart program, Pre-primary and Even Start programs into this new building which would be built in Baraga. This would then vacate the former Bingo Hall/Youth Center in Zeba and could be utilized as the Zeba Hall. This task force will begin meeting April 10, and updates will be provided in the near future. The position of Economic Developer has been filled. After two sets of postings, the position has been offered to, and accepted by, Greg Nominelli of Marquette. Filling this position will certainly allow the community to more forward with its development plans. The Health Administrator, Cherie Dakota, has given her resignation. Cherie has taken on the responsibility since the former Administrator, Ruth Bussey, left KBIC. The position has been posted and will remain open until the end of April. Cherie Dakota has done an outstanding job during her short time in the position and will be missed. We wish Cherie the best in her future endeavors. Clayton Ekdahl has been appointed into a newly created position as Special Projects/Safety Coordinator. Mr. Ekdahl will be addressing and coordinating projects that have been on the back burner due to work loads of directors and administrators. He will also be coordinating safety related tasks, such as those recommended by the Indian Health Services surveys. Also within his position, he will be working on risk management issues such as programs to lessen work related accidents by providing and coordinating safety trainings. A potential opportunity has been presented to the Community by a college group known as Engineers Without Borders. This group is interested in working on a project selected by the Tribe which would utilize the skills of the group. The group includes graduate and post graduate students who are in varying engineering fields such as civil, mechanical, global, ecological, coastal, etc. We have submitted the Sand Point Recreation Area as a potential project for their consideration. The project would include engineering and design of the area currently being utilized for beach and camping use. Updates will be provided on this subject in the upcoming months as plans are developed. On March 18, a meeting with representatives from Wind n Power Inc., Todd Warner, KBIC Natural Resources Director, Char Beesley, Environmental Specialist and Greg Nominelli, Economic Developer with Lake Superior Community Partnership took place to discuss the potential of the Tribe getting involved with wind energy. Wind n Power representatives presented information on alternatives for placement of major wind turbines in the area. Char Beesley will be further researching information and reporting back to Council. Questions from the audience brought forth a request for a staff meeting to review policy changes, if any. The CEO agreed to schedule a staff meeting. Deb Williamson (from the audience) requested clarification as to why the CEO sent in the ANA grant with the \$30,000 immersion line item. The CEO informed Ms. Williamson that he was directed by Council to submit the immersion line item into the ANA grant, as it is one of the many ways our members may choose to learn our language.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of March 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and four special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on March 1, 2008, and is reported in the April 2008, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on March 7, 2008: approved meeting minutes for September 10, 2005; added the UP Blue Rider and contraceptive prescription coverage to the Tribe's Blue Cross; switched the Tribe's Group Life and Disability Insurance to Cigna Group Life; and reviewed the finances and audits of the Baraga and Marquette Casinos. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on March 14, 2008: approved meeting minutes for January 10, 2008, January 11, 2008, Jan ary 24, 2008. October 1, 2005, and October 4, 2005; reviewed the finances of the government and tribal businesses; approved the business license and liquor license of Jeff Lamson for Maple View Pub; renewed the business license of John Hebert for Hebert Construction; approved 15 applicants for commercial fishing licenses pending boat inspections; denied a request for sick or annual leave donations that deviated from the policy; approved resolution KB1603-2008 ANA SEDS Grant Application for a Land Use Management Plan; approved resolution KB1604-2008 Long Range Transportation Plan Update; approved resolution KB1605-2008 THPO Fee Scale; approved resolution KB1606-2008 Ojibwa Community College Funding Agreement; approved a copier bid from UP Office Systems for the Child Support Office; authorized the President to send a letter to the NIGC regarding the MICS Advisory Committee; added sites recommended by Natural Resource Director Todd Warner as potential Brownfield Sites; approved the employee agreement of Earl Otchingwanigan; directed the Personnel Director to develop an on-call pool for positions not dealing with money; agreed to move forward with putting slot machines into the Pines Convenience Center; approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Ojibwa Community College; and approved the employment contracts of Dr. Oh and Dr. Zobro. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on March 20, 2008: corrected the motion for Appeal of Dismissal Case #002-08 to reinstate the employee and allow a return to work after successful completion of recommended requirements; approved the US Coast Guard Memorandum of Agreement for working cooperatively on enforcement of commercial fishing vessel safety laws on Lake Superior; held the first reading of the Right to Work Ordinance 2008-01; amended the Ojibwa Casino's Employee Handbook to add brandishing a weapon as a reason for immediate dismissal; approved a business license for Jennifer Westman for Creative Catering; and agreed to send a letter of support for Michigan Tech's applications for the I-Test and IGERT Program. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on March 27, 2008: approved meeting minutes from February 2, 2008, and February 7, 2008; approved the Special Project/Safety Coordinator Position; appointed Clayton Ekdahl to the Special Project/Safety Coordinator position; approved the Health Director job description and agreed to post it; agreed the Health Director position will be contracted and the wage will be negotiable; added additional duties and a new title to the Youth Facility Coordinator job description; approved the Employee Assistance Program Agreement with North-Star Employee Assistance Program and Life Counseling Center for one year; agreed to offer the Economic Developer position to Gregg Nominelli; approved March donations totaling \$6,375; approved the consultant agreement with STS Consultants to develop cleanup criteria for Brownfield properties; and approved the Amendment to Special Counsel Contract with Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2008. Council met on March 27, to review 27 donation requests of which ten were approved and one is still pending. Pittsley Brothers Racing—\$250 for stock car sponsorship; Head Start Graduation—\$505 for gifts for the graduates; Baraga BASH Committee—\$500 for the all night lock in; L'Anse Seniors—\$500 for the all night lock in; Annual Copper Country Firefighter Tournament—\$120 for a full size ad as the tourney is being held in Baraga; MAPS Project Graduation—\$500 for Marquette Senior High School lock in; Lake Superior's Huron River Restoration, Inc.—\$1500 for purchase of equipment for watershed assessments; Anishinaabenowin Teg, Inc.—\$500 for sponsorship of annual language conference; Baraga County 4-H youth program—\$1000 for advertising in Baraga County 4-H Platbook; Mother Earth Water Walk 2008—\$500 for awareness walk around Lake Michigan; Superior Americorps—\$500 for events for students for alcohol awareness month; for a total of \$6375. Finance meetings

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were held on March 7 and 14. Our Chief Financial Officer Francis "Hosh" LaPointe reviewed the Casino audits with us, in which we were given an unqualified or clean opinion. Jennifer commended the Accounting Staff for a job well done. Also discussed was the year end for businesses and enterprises. Once the government audit is completed, a report similar to FY2005 detailing amounts for business, government funds and enterprise will be prepared. Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage was discussed and in order to maintain our current coverage we would see an increase of \$158,229 for the government policy and \$296,206 for the enterprise policy. After consideration of several options, Council approved a change in our policy which would reduce the cost increase and keep the coverage as close as possible. Meetings will be held during April to inform employees of the specific changes. Council also agreed to switch carriers for the group life and disability insurance which reflects a savings of approximately \$30,000 per year for similar coverage. Treasurer Misegan attended a retirement committee meeting on March 12 by conference call regarding our Defined Benefit Retirement Plan with representatives of Emjay, and also a meeting on March 18, which was to discuss the employee issues with exemptions from FICA and federal withholding. The next meeting will be April 9. Misegan informed Council that she would bring all this information to them at their next meeting. The deadline to submit 2% allocations was March 31, and we received several. The 2% workgroup will meet early May to review these requests as the distribution must be made prior to May 30. Letters were sent out to the Constitutional Task Force asking them to respond prior to March 28, if they wished to remain on this task force. Two seats will be advertised to fill the open slots from the result of this letter. Signature cards have been completed, except for one, which will be completed at our next meeting. Misegan indicated that she reviewed budget modifications, financial reports and signed numerous checks throughout the month of March.

Susan LaFernier, Vice Chairman, indicated that she will be posting an advertisement for open seats on numerous boards and committees this month. Available are: Alcohol Board—7 seats; Economic Development Committee—7 seats; Juvenile Justice Committee—2 seats; Cultural Committee—6 seats; Youth Committee—6 seats; National Resources Forestry Committee—9 seats; Elder Advisory Board (for Language Grant)—12 after grant is reviewed; Titling Task Force—TBD.

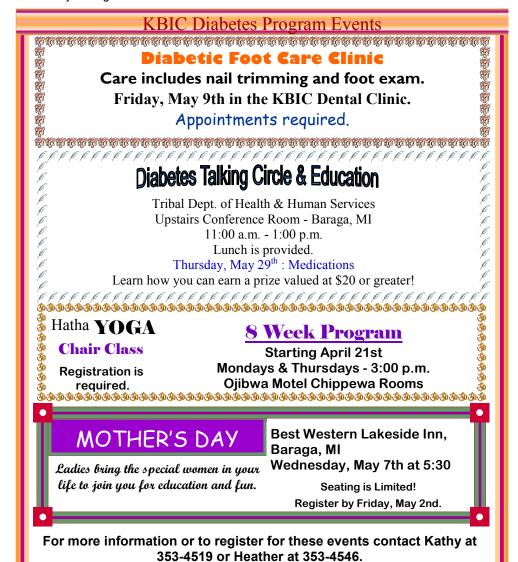
Fred Dakota, under old business, brought up the titling policy. After some discussion, a Task Force for Titling will be formed, in which Fred Dakota and Jennifer Misegan both will be a part of along with other tribal members who would like to become involved in this process.

President Swartz and Fred Dakota had attended a Spring spearing meeting in Watersmeet on April 1. A tribal member from Mole Lake advised those attending the meeting of his intent to spear walleye and their attempt to start exercising their treaty rights in Marquette County. President Swartz advised the Mole Lake member that there may be an issue with the Community without the approval from this Council as we have established home territory rights in our Chapter 10 hunting, fishing and trapping laws. In those laws, it requires an Indian from another tribe to get the approval from this Council prior to exercising his treaty rights in our home territory, as long as we are allowed the same right on his reservation. President Swartz attempted to discuss this issue at this meeting and the Mole Lake member said that this was not the proper forum, with the Michigan DNR and everyone else there. So President Swartz attended the VOIGT Task Force meeting last Thursday and brought this issue up at the VOIGT Task Force meeting that was held at Mille Lacs, Minnesota. Swartz brought a copy of our Chapter 10 code, addressing home territory and passed it out to all of the VOIGT Task Force representatives who attended the meeting, and the Mole Lake representative was present. Swartz told them that he wished they would respect our home territory issues and that they would come to us and ask for our blessing, so to speak, before they attempted to exercise their treaty rights in our home territory. President Swartz was assured by the Mole Lake representative that Arlyn Ackley, Mole Lake President, is planning to come here and update us on their intentions of exercising their treaty rights in our home territory. Obviously, we have issues with other tribes exercising their treaty rights in our home territory. President Swartz has to become fully briefed with some motions that occurred in 1993, or 1994, in addition to what some of the constitutional issues that they are raising. President Swartz wished to update Council on this matter and of what to expect when this chairman does come here. Swartz is currently researching some past resolutions in regards to home territory issues and the tribe's constitution so we can be fully prepared when their chairman

Debra Parrish gave an update on the accreditation progress. OCC finished the PIF and sent it out on April 3. Council will be getting a copy of this. Once their staff receives that PIF at the Higher Learning Commission, they will have their staff review it. Once their staff determines that everything is noted, they will send it to a review team. The review team will review it, and if they have questions, they will get back with us. If they don't, they'll probably make a determination and schedule a visit. This is the initial step, we still have the next step to continue with and that is to work on this self study itself, which requires a lot more work and a lot more documentation. Right now we have designated our teams, and of course the Board of Regents has their own criteria to work on. There is five additional criteria and then there are separate sections under each criteria that each of the teams, (staff, faculty, Board of Regents) will be working on. We hope to have that finished by June, and then we'll send it to a reviewer to review, and then hopefully make any other changes that are necessary. There is a regular board seat open and an alternate board seat open. To be consistent with our services agreement, we did post it, and we are requiring that new board members have an associate's degree. (If interested in one of these openings, send a letter to the Board of Regents. For more information, call the college at 353-4600). OCC's graduation and honor ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. Council will receive invitations and President Swartz has agreed to give the Tribal Chair/President/Council speech. Debra Parrish requested a letter of support for the USDA Distance Learning grant and the required matching funds of \$45,000 which is the initial step for applying for this grant. Doreen Blaker made a motion to provide a letter of support for the Distance Learning Center and to match the funds as required in the amount of \$45,000, supported by Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

A public hearing for the second reading for the RIGHT TO WORK ORDINANCE 2008-01 was held. At the request to clarify as to why something like this is needed, Larry Denomie, CEO, provided the following statement: "This ordinance is an ordinance to be adopted which would be for employees who work for the tribe. Giving them the opportunity to either become a member of a union or to choose not to become a member of a union. Currently there really isn't anything that we have that states whether they can or can not or states that they should or shouldn't be a member of a union and recently there has been a lot of activity amongst the tribes with unionization, moving into, not so much the government, but into the enterprise portion. Some tribes have been able to fend off the unionization where there have actually been votes. In particular, Mt. Pleasant has gone through two votes where they held off the unions, and denied them. Another reason for something such as this is when the union organizers come into a tribe, this is one of the things they will look to see that we have, and that is us (the tribe) giving the employees the right to deny or accept unionization within the organization. This is the major reason of having this on our reservation." Attorney John Baker added that "unions can have what they call a closed shop, and if the members elect to have a union as a bargain union, the union can then declare the entire group as a closed shop. That means, all the employees in that organization have to be a member of the union whether they want to or not. This (Right To Work Ordinance 2008-01) would allow an employee to opt out of being in the union and that is the purpose of it. That is why it is called the right to work, because in a closed shop, the employee could not work unless he became a member of the union." There were no comments within this reading.

Council moved into closed session with Debra Williamson (Language Program update and Earl Otchigwanigan Contract), CEO Larry Denomie, and Attorney John Baker on the agenda. Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo and Fred Dakota opposed the motion to move into closed session. After closed session Council approved the Media Services Group Contract before adjourning.



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#### **BUSY IN THE WOODSHOP**



William "Gene" Emery has been busy in his woodshop over the last few months and by doing so, he is helping the community and the beneshi (bird) community. For a second year, Gene has built ten wood duck boxes for KBIC Natural Resources Department. This year he is also building birdhouses for bluebirds, chickadees, and butterfly houses which will be put near the Sand Point walking trails. The KBIC Natural Resources Department supplies Gene with the material, and he in turn provides them with the needed houses. Gene states that building the houses keeps him occupied with a hobby that he enjoys and is one of the many ways that he can give to the community as he sup-

plies the woodshop, electricity and the manpower to produce these beautiful beneshi (bird) homes. Todd Warner and Evelyn Ravindran of KBIC Natural Resources, stated that this year ten of Emery's wood duck boxes were placed in wetland areas (Sandpoint, Mud Lake, Laughs Lake, Pinery, and Huron Bay) within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's home territory, and today they took possession of another ten. Pam Nankervis of KBIC Natural Resources is in her second year of doing wetland inventories and is finding new places to put these houses. Local volunteers and students from Michigan Technological University helped her with putting up these new wood duck boxes.

Native to North America, the Wood Duck (*Aix Sponsa*) are considered to be the most beautiful duck of North America and are residents of wooded areas near water; often seen in pairs or groups of up to about six. Nesting usually starts in late March and an average clutch is about 12 eggs. A fairly common occurrence is the dump nest, which are used by a number of birds and could contain up to 40 eggs with an incubation period of about 30 days. When the young ducks are about one day old, they climb up the inside of the nest, perch momentarily at the entry hole and then launch themselves into the air. Nearly all small bodies of water have the potential to provide a home for a pair of wood ducks. Natural nest sites consist of hollowed out cavities some 20 to 50 feet above the ground in trees. However removal of snags and drainage of these swampy areas have been responsible for the disappearance of these wood ducks in many areas. Fortunately, the wood ducks have adapted and have readily accepted artificial nesting sites. If a nesting tree is not already present, an artificial nest can be installed to provide a home for the wood duck.

The Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) nests exclusively in manmade bird houses and are totally dependant on humans for nest sites. Gene has also built an apartment style birdhouse for the Purple Martin and another for the bluebird which he plans on placing near his camp.



#### **DRUG CONVICTION REPORT**

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

#### Alicia Ellen Norman, case # 08-084, §3.1706, Controlled Substance.

Factual Basis: Defendant did possess and use a controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine. Sentenced on 04/02/2008 to:

- 1. \$150 fine.
- 2. Thirty days jail, credit for one day served, twenty-nine days suspended. The Defendant is financially responsible for lodging/jail costs.
- One year banishment from the KBIC Reservation, effective 04/03/2008, at 2:00 p.m. The
  Defendant must obtain permission from the Court prior to returning to the Reservation
  during that time under any circumstance. If any violation occurs, the Defendant will serve
  the suspended jail time. (Concurrent with case #08-085).
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations
  of that screening until successfully discharged. (Concurrent with case #08-085).
- Twelve to twenty-four months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is subject to random alcohol/drug tests and is financially responsible for the costs of those tests. (Concurrent with #08-085).

#### Alicia Ellen Norman, case #08-085, §3.1706, Controlled Substance.

Factual Basis: Defendant did possess and use a controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine. Sentenced on 04/02/2008 to:

- I. \$150 fine.
- Thirty days jail, credit for one day served, twenty-nine days suspended. The Defendant is financially responsible for lodging/jail costs.
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#### **FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS VISIT NEW YORK CITY**

On Monday, March 31, the KBIC Future Entrepreneurs loaded into the KBIC Youth van and headed to the Green Bay Airport to fly to the financial capital of the world – New York City!

The ten entrepreneurs, ages 14-16, have been meeting weekly since September 17, 2007. They do activities that have to do with learning about money, credit, stocks and bonds, ...and just "learning about finances", pervided by the National 4-H cooperative called "Be the E Entrepreneurship" – offers the basis for weekly activities,



related to setting up your own business, or a group business. The entrepreneurs are currently in "Level 3 – Planning Your Business". The classes will end in May.

The "hands- on field trip" to the Big Apple to see the Stock Market, Wall Street, and financial district of the nation in action was a once in a lifetime experience! All youth were well-behaved and learned a great deal from the trip. For nine of them, it was their first-time flying in an airplane. They also visited the Museum of the American Indian, The World Trade Center site, and witnessed construction of the new Freedom Towers, that are being built. They visited Manhattan, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Trump Towers, NBC Studios and the "Top of the Rock" at Rockefeller Plaza, The Statue of Liberty, Times Square, rode a trolley tour bus and taxi boat, and had a chance to visit Korea Town and eat authentic Korean food, along with a variety of other foods on the trip. The trip was made possible through the Anishnaabe Anokii Small Business Program and Anishnaabe Anokii "Youth Initiative". Future Entrepreneur classes will be offered again in the fall, during the new school year, and is open for 7-12 grade students. For more information about KBIC Future Entrepreneurs, please call the KBIC Youth Program office at 353-4643 or 4644.

## KBIC STUDENTS MAKE THE MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS' WINNER'S LIST FOR 2007-2008

Vanessa Beaver — two awards
Cassandra Dix — one award
Jordan Dix — two awards
Samuel Dix — three awards
Sarah Dix — two awards
Opal Ellsworth — two awards
Preston Ellsworth — two awards
Breanne Fish — one award
Mariah Fish — four awards
Paige Graham — four awards
Autumn Haataja — two awards

Katelyn Haataja — one award
Desiree Jermac — two awards
William Jondreau — two awards
Brandon Koski — one award
Brianna Koski — four awards
Austin Ludwig — two awards
Kymberly Ludwig — three awards
Grayson Roe — one award
Sonja Welch — four awards
Zachary Welch — two awards

A student incentive program is offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period (grades four - twelve) as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period (grades K—twelve). Students may apply for the award who are enrolled members or direct descendants of an enrolled member of one the MIEA constituent tribe/bands (Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish: Band of Potawatomi Indians Gun Lake Tribe, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). Winners were determined by a lottery drawing at the April MIEA meeting held in Hannahville, Michigan. Winners received \$25 for each award they won. There were 172 awards issued at \$25 each. There is a total amount of \$4300 allocated in the fund. For more information, see www.michiganindianelders.com. (See scholarship opportunity page six.)

#### Ojibwa Housing Authority Homeowner Program

#### Homebuyer Training Session:

A Homebuyer Training Session is scheduled for Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Zeba Office. All those interested in attending are required to sign up. Please call Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko at 524-5514!

#### Stipend Program:

The Ojibwa Housing Authority Gas and Child Care Stipend Program is open on an ongoing basis to assist Housing Residents and are attending college classes or GED classes. Anyone interested may call Natalie or Christine at 524-5514.

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### OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE—2008 GRADUATES



Amy Lyn Ellenich is a 2008 OCC Graduate. Amy, who resides in Baraga, Michigan, has obtained an Associate's of Early Childhood.

Amy is the daughter of Joe and Linda Ellenich, is the mother of three daughters and has one grandson.

Amy plans to continue working at KBIC Early Childhood and possibly plans on continuing her education for a bachelors degree.

Amy enjoys gardening, walking and listening to the birds.



Yvette Michelle Friisvall is a 2008 OCC Graduate. Yvette, who resides in Baraga, Michigan, has obtained an Associate's of Business

Yvette is the daughter of Dale Friisvall of Zeba, and Dianne Waara of Baraga. Yvette plans on attending NMU to finish her education and to continue working at KBOCC. She is the acting President of AIBL (2006-Spring 2008), Secretary for AIBL (2005-2006) and Treasurer for AIBL (2008). Yvette's awards and achievements consist of 2006 Writer's Award, 2007 Spirit of Sovereignty Scholarship and is the 2008 Student of the Year.

Yvette lives in Baraga with her boyfriend, Rick Geroux and their three children, Richard (age 4), Harley (age 3) and Octavia (age 1). She enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Charlotte Lee Loonsfoot is a 2008 OCC Graduate. Char, who resides in Baraga, Michigan, has obtained an Associate's of Arts in Liberal Studies and an Associate's of Science in Environmental Science.

Char is the daughter of Virgil Loonsfoot and Shirley Gibson. Char's plans include moving to Marquette, Michigan, in May and continuing with requirements for the summer semester, and then plans on attending NMU for the fall semester.

Char is the current AISES President, Editor-In-Chief for the OCC Newsletter, and is a member of the Native Writer's organization. Her awards and achievements while at OCC include—AMPSAND, AIBL, Science Intern Award, and the Dean's List.

Char has four children, Virgil Mongozid, age 4, Shauna Loonsfoot-Pelto, age 14, Christian Pelto, age 13, and Adrian Loonsfoot, age 16. She likes to search for eagle feathers and sing behind the Four Thunder Drum with her daughter, Shauna. Char enjoys sweat lodges in the area, participating in ceremonies and beading. Char states, "I've been sober for eight years and I would like to say Miigwetch to everyone who has helped and supported me and my family. Thanks to all of the instructors who have helped me in my studies and for the patience, persistence and wisdom they have shown me in my years at OCC. Thank you Tribal Council for voting to keep the college open for three more years. Miigwetch!'

#### Scholarship Opportunity — The Michigan Indian Elders Association 2008 Scholarship Notice

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will award a minimum of four (4) \$500 scholarships and one (1) \$1000 scholarship made available. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from a public college, university or technical school and must meet specific qualifications listed on their website, www.michiganindianelders.com. Application forms are available on the website or can be obtained from the tribal education department of each of the constituent tribe/bands (listed on page five).

#### **1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE**

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

#### Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.





Robin Lee Chosa (Mishkwageshick) is a 2008 OCC Graduate. Robin, who resides in Baraga, Michigan has obtained an Associate's in Rusiness

Robin is the son of Thomas Chosa Sr. and Florine Chosa and is engaged to Alice Brunk. Robin would like to thank his family for sticking by him while he has been taking classes; Alice who has been his driving force, his children who have been his inspiration and for his father for keeping his feet above the ground.

As a two time graduate of KBOCC, Robin hopes to serve as an example for others out there who are unsure of themselves and need a direction in life. Robin states, "If I can do it, many others can too. I hope that I have shown them that it is possible to succeed

Robin's awards and achievements while at OCC include — Student of Year, being an active member of AIBL and AISES, and he has been a recipient of a few scholarships as well. He

Cynthia Ann Curtis is a 2008 OCC Cindy, who resides Graduate. Baraga, Michigan, has obtained an Associate's of Arts in Liberal Studies

Cindy is the daughter of Ernest Loonsfoot and Mary Jane La Joie Loonsfoot, and the wife of Jerry Lee Curtis. Cindy plans on continuing with college to further her education and to show her children that it is possible to do anything they set their minds on doing.

Cindy is one of fourteen children and has five children of her own and twelve grandchildren who are a major part of her life. She enjoys sewing, making regalia and doing beadwork. Cindy enjoys dancing at powwows and sings behind the Four Thunder Drum.

Cindy would like to say, "Miigwetch to OCC for allowing me to further my education and have the opportunity to learn more about Native American history and literature, and to show people that you are never too old to learn."

Gloria Jean DeCota Shalifoe is a 2008 OCC Graduate. Gloria, who resides in Zeba, Michigan, has obtained an Associate's in Environmental Science.

Gloria is the wife of Richard Shalifoe. who she has been married to for 30 years, and is the mother of one son, John Paul, two adopted daughters, Nora and Shanna DeCota, and five stepchildren. Gloria has three grandchildren and many step-grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Some of whom she hopes will follow in her footsteps and get an education.

Gloria plans on transferring to NMU in the fall to pursue a Bachelors in Biology with an Ecology minor. While attending OCC, Gloria has been a member of AISES, AIBL, and the Native Writer's Society. She currently is a member of the KBOCC Board of Regents. Gloria was the 2006 AIHEC Student of the Year, has been on the Dean's list, a recipient of the 2008 AMP Scholar, and received a AnsImp grant for a climate change poster project in 2007.

has been attending classes for the past four years and has been very involved with KBOCC; from working as the Admissions/ Recruiter to Representing the college in AIHEC National Conference competitions.

Robin plans to take a little break from school and focus on his job as TERO (Tribal Equal Rights Officer) and to enjoy the summer with his family. Robin adds, "I will be looking to move forward with my education in the near future, hopefully by attaining a bachelors in business. Education is an ongoing process that never stops and I intent to keep learning as much as

## Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native Americanowned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- **Tribal Business Owner Directory**
- **Business Development Resources**
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- **Business Support & Developmental Education Classes**
- Confidential Credit Counseling & **Financial Literacy Classes**
- "Indianpreneur" Business **Development Program**

8:00 am-4:30 pm Oiihwa Industrial Park

Timothy W. Shanahan, **Business Counselor** 

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Baraga, MI 49908

Tina Durant, Services Coordinator



Sponsored by: KBIC Healthy Start

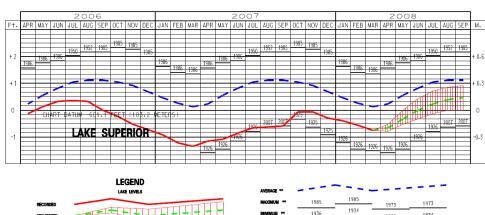
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#### LAKE SUPERIOR WATER LEVEL UPDATE

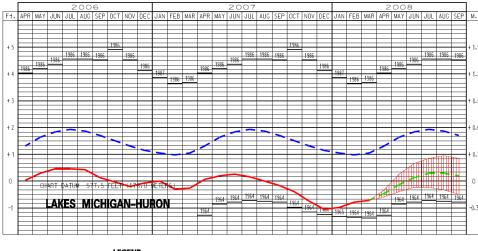
Last year the water levels in Lake Superior and many other Great Lakes fell to record or near record lows. Water levels in Lake Superior rose some last fall with heavy rains occurring in the watershed, but were still below average. Typically during the winter, Lake Superior loses large amounts of water through evaporation, as cold dry air evaporates water from a relatively warmer lake. This winter precipitation was reportedly about 40% above average.

In March of this year, the water level of Lake Superior was approximately 6-inches higher than March of last year, but was still about 11 inches below the long term March average. Precipitation throughout the Lake Superior basin has been lower than average over the past few months.

LAKE SUPERIOR WATER LEVELS - APRIL 2008



LAKES MICHIGAN-HURON WATER LEVELS - APRIL 2008







Lake levels should begin rising this month with spring runoff input and continued rising through September. Predictions for the year are that Lake Superior will be 8 – 17 inches above last year's levels, but remain 8 – 11 inches below the long term average.

Lake Huron and Lake Michigan water levels are lower than they were at this time last year. Precipitation levels have been near average in these basins. Water levels in these lakes began rising in March and are predicted to continue rising into August, and then start dropping again in September. Lake levels are predicted to be 18 – 21 inches below their long term average, which is similar to last year's water levels.

The Army Corps of Engineers, the International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes, and other agencies are currently in the midst of completing a multi-year project titled "International Upper Great Lakes Study." The Upper Great Lakes Study is designed to help the Army Corps and other agencies better understand the complex hydrology, and the major hydrologic factors affecting water levels and water movement in the upper Great Lakes.

The Natural Resource Department will provide additional information regarding the Lake Superior and other Great Lake water levels as it becomes available. Please contact us at (906) 524-5757 if you have any questions or comments.



The KBIC Tribal Police Department has a new officer on patrol, Officer Marshall Thomas.

Marshall has work experience that includes both juvenile corrections and loss prevention. Marshall states, "I am both grateful, and honored to have the opportunity to serve the residents of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and I will do my very best to uphold the high standards expected of me."

His mother, a registered nurse, was raised in Aura, and his father, a retired police officer, relocated to L'Anse, three years ago. Marshall moved to L'Anse two years ago from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Marshall is the proud father of a sixmonth-old son and wants to raise him in a rural community with the values that he has seen here.

# KBIC EVEN STARY

## Family Literacy Program ENROLL NOW!

Earn your GED or High School Diploma

Early Childhood Programs for children Improve parenting skills Incentives for participation Transportation and childcare available

Even Start is **free** to all Tribal and Non-Tribal members in Baraga County who are expecting a baby or have children under the age of eight.

Call 353-8161 to register

KBIC EVEN START—755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908

### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

#### LAVERNE VERONICA MAGER

(July 5, 1937 - April 2, 2008)

LaVerne Veronica Mager, age 70, of Baraga, Michigan, passed away on April 2, 2008, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. LaVerne was born on July 5, 1937, in Baraga, the daughter of the late James and Frances (Jondreau) Cardinal. LaVerne grew up in Baraga and was a graduate of the Baraga High School. She attended Northern Michigan University where she graduated with a LPN Degree. LaVerne was first married to James Cote', (divorced) who preceded her in death in 2003. She married William Mager in 1972, in Ishpeming, who preceded her in death in 1990. LaVerne worked at Bell Memorial Hospital, Acocks and Valenti's Nursing Homore, and Marquette General Hospital. She retired at the age of 62.

LaVerne's leisure activities included reading, knitting, beading, and she was a very caring person who was always willing to help people and her grandkids. She was active with the Ojibwa Senior Citizens and was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She is survived by a daughter, Catherine Cote of Ishpeming, three sons James Cote of Baraga, Timothy Cote of Marquette, and Patrick Mager (Christina) of Marquette, a brother Mike (Agatha) Cardinal of Baraga, three sisters Carol (Larry) Thiele of Mexico, Elizabeth Sullivan of Milwaukee, and Eleanor Mode of Baraga, eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. LaVerne was preceded in death by a brother James Cardinal Sr. and a sister Sandy Dowd.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 7, 2008, at the Holy Name of Jesus Church in Baraga, with Father George Maki officiated. The Jacobson Funeral Homes assisted the family with the arrangements.

#### STELLA CECILIA LAHTI

(October 24, 1919 - April 7, 2008)

Stella Cecilia Lahti, age 88, of L'Anse, Michigan, passed away on April 7, 2008, at Bayside Village in L'Anse. Stella was born on October 24, 1919, in Assinins, the daughter of the late Edward and Mary (Cardinal) Vashaw. Stella married Toivo Lahti on June 17, 1939, in Assinins. Stella enjoyed gardening and playing Bingo. She was a member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Eagles Aerie #2287 Auxiliary, the Ojibwa Senior Citizens and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Stella is survived by her children Paul Lahti, Jim (Rhonda) Lahti and Elvera (Fred) Lantz of L'Anse, four grandchildren, Malisha Maki, Mindy Lantz, Don Lantz, Jesse Lahti, six great grandchildren: Miah and Megan Maki, Anna Pietila, Donovyn and Emberlee Lantz, and Kaylee Lahti. Preceding her in death are her husband Toivo in 1991, one brother and three sisters.

A memorial mass for Stella and her husband Toivo was held Saturday, April 12, 2008, at the Sacred Hearth of Jesus Church. The Jacobson Funeral Homes assisted the family with the arrangements.

#### **ROBERT BLAKER**

(November 11, 1934- April 13, 2008)

Robert Blaker, beloved husband of the late Betty L. (nee Cragwall) Blaker, dear father of Christine Parks, Randy Blaker, Beth Blaker, Connie (Dan) Latham and Julie (Rogert) Blevins, also survived by twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren, brother of Gilbert Blaker and Betty Maroni, passed away on April 13, 2008, at the age of 73. Bob was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the Carthage Church of the Nazarene. Cincinnati. Ohio. Memorial donations may be made to the Robert Blaker Memorial Fund, C/O Hodapp Funeral Home, 7401 Vine St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45216.

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When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to

When you thought I was paint another one.

When you thought I was the special things in life. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to, and learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I When you thought I was It looking, I san you give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of each other and family.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities even when you didn't feel good, and

learned that I have to be responsible when I grow up. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks, for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

~ love your child.

Sent anonymously in honor of Mother's Day.

Each of us (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher, friend) will influence the life of a child. How will you touch the life of someone today?

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#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA (Effective October 1, 2007)

	48 Contiguous United States	<u>Alaska</u>		
Household Size	<b>Income Limits</b>	Income Limit		
I	\$ 985	\$1,294		
2	\$1,275	\$1,656		
3	\$1,565	\$2,019		
4	\$1,864	\$2,381		
5	\$2,178	\$2,744		
6	\$2,492	\$3,116		
7	\$2,782	\$3,479		
8	\$3,072	\$3,841		
Each additional member	+ \$290	+ \$363		

Computation of Income Eligibility Standards — The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and standard deduction amounts used for the appropriate State.

#### Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

**Dependant Care Deduction** — The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is \$200 for dependent children under two years of age, and \$175 for all other dependents.

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

#### THANK YOU!!!!!

April 1, 2008,

Recently, I had a personal experience that just proves to me that camaraderie is alive and well at the Ojibwa Ca-

On March 15, 2008, a large group of employees pitched in to help me set up the restaurant to cater a bus tour. ALL of these employees need a great big THANK YOU from each and everyone of us!!

There are many employees involved; Nancy Shalifoe, Linda Seppanen, Steve Murray, Cindy Thierry, Lois Oja, Cheryl Moran, Eugene Rantanen, Sharon Kirchoffer, Rodney Meis, Angie Salbashian, Nancy Heikkienen, Sandy Larson, Debbie Heitikko and Victoria Loonsfoot. I would also, at this time, extend a HUGE thank you to Jeff Lamson and his crew for the outstanding, on call, spur of the moment pride that they showed getting the restaurant machinery up and running. The Hotel housekeepers spent numerous hours cleaning the restaurant and kitchen and also deserve a big round of applause. Your pride in your job has shown through this time, as always.

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Thank you everyone, you are awesome employees and should be proud for the job well done!!!!!!!

Maria A. Zielinski, Hotel Manager

Must not draw commodities and food stamps in the same month.



#### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department



It's that time for.....Spring Cleaning!!!

#### Did you know??



The EPA says indoor air pollution is usually 2-5 times worse than outdoor air pollution, and harsh cleaning chemicals contribute



Conventional cleaning products are responsible for about 10% of toxic-exposure calls to poison con-In the United States, 25,000-plus kids "are exposed to" (that's EPA code for "have accidents involv-



ing") chlorine bleach each year The International Agency for Research on Cancer says perchloroethylene ("perc"), a common carpet cleaning chemical, is a "probable human carcinogen" that can cause anything from dizziness to death.



High concentrations of detergents were found in 69% of waterways in a 2002 nationwide study. If every U.S. household replaces one box of 48-oz, petroleum-based powder laundry detergent with a vegetable-based one, we'll save enough oil to heat and cool 5,300 homes for a year.

(from http://www.idealbite.com)

#### Remember these home-healthy and earth-friendly tips when spring cleaning:

- Keep products in their original containers and store them safely away from children and pets
- Dispose of household products safely
- Never pour harmful products down a sink, toilet, bathtub drain or on the ground
- Use non-toxic, alternative products when available:
  - Non-chlorine bleach
  - Plant-based detergents
  - į, Homemade cleaners (these recipes work great and are more economical, too!)

- **All Purpose** 1 tsp washing soda
- 4 Tbsp vinegar (5% white)
  4 cups hot water
  5 drops essential oil (optional)

Straight vinegar 4-5 drops essential oil (optional)

#### Wood Cleaner

5 drops olive oil

1/4 cup vinegar 1/4 cup water 1/2 tsp. liquid (castile) soup

Window-Mirror Cleaner ½ cup vinegar (5%-white) 1 quart water

Deodorizer/Carpet Freshener (let sit overnight in covered con-

#### Microwave Cleaner (paste)

1/4 cup baking soda 1 tsp. vinegar 6 drops lemon essential oil ~rinse & leave door open to dry for 15 min.

### Soft Scrub (paste)

½ cup baking soda Liquid (castile) soap/detergent 5 drops essential oil

#### Floor Cleane ¼ cup vinegar

1 gallon water 10 drops lemon essential oil 4 drops oregano oil

### Air Freshener (spray)

Spring water

For more information, contact Char Beesley at (906) 524-5757, extension 14 or cbeesley@kbic-nsn.gov

#### KBIC Natural Resource Department Invites Tribal Members to Volunteer

Have you ever wondered what we do at the KBIC fish hatchery? Do you enjoy being outdoors, handling fish, and learning new things? Consider volunteering some time at the Natural Resource Department. We have many different programs, that offer a variety of experience: Wildlife, Fisheries, Water Quality, Environmental Quality, Brownfields, and Plant Ecology projects. Check out the list of potential opportunities to get involved and give us a call to join a volunteer list. We will notify you when specific activities begin and need assistance. Call 524-5757 and let us know if you would like to volunteer. Miigwetch!

Opportunities may include:

#### All times:

Hatchery care and Maintenance (cleaning tanks, feeding, tying nets, picking eggs)

#### Spring:

Sea Lamprey Traps (Setting traps) Frog/toad survey Bird Survey Lake Trout Assessment Fin Clipping and Nasal Tagging Water Quality Stream/Lake Sampling April Crane Count

#### Summer: Frog/Toad survey

Wolf howl survey Remote Camera Scent stations Lake Trout Assessments Purple loosestrife control Black Ash seed Locations Sand Point Native Plantings Fish Stocking (late spring/early summer) Water Quality Stream/Lake Sampling Sea Lamprey Surveillance (Check the traps) Fish stocking into lakes and streams

#### **Special Interest Days**

Earth Day Lakeshore Cleanup (Sat. April 26) Clean Sweep (to be determined) Lake Superior Day (July 20) Kids Fishing Derby (June). We always need lots of help for this, assisting kids with fishing and games -fun.

#### Longer term projects for dedicated repeat visitor(s)

tudy (stomach contents) Coded Wire Tag extraction Fish Aging (odelith and scale rings)



Ever have a dream of owning your own home? Does your home need repairs? Do you need to buy or repair a vehicle for work or school?

> Starting or expanding a business? Going to college? Need help with credit repair?

#### Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation

has applications available for the **Individual Development Accounts** (this is a 4 to 1 match savings), Income Guidelines Apply, Must be KBIC Member.

For more information call Christine LaPointe at 524-5514.

#### Tribal Police team up with the Weed & Seed Initiative to start Tribal Police Athletic League (TPAL)

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police are looking for youth, ages nine (9) and up who are interested in taking part in the new Tribal Police Athletic League (TPAL). The TPAL program will allow youth to interact with police officers during activities such as; basketball, baseball, and weightlifting. TPAL is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes athletic and recreational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers and youth. These partnerships also encourage positive relationships among the community, parents, and law enforcement officers. Those interested in taking part in the TPAL can contact Chris Gerard at (906) 353-4646 or cgerard@kbic-nsn.gov or Carole LaPointe at (906) 353-4643 or clapointe@kbicnsn.gov

Natural Resources Department



**Brownfield Tribal Response Program Community Meeting** Visioning for the Future

Where: Chippewa Room, Ojibwa Hotel

When: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 – Noon or 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Kathryn Kruse, KBIC Natural Resource Department (KBNRD) Tribal Program Specialist, will be providing a brownfield program presentation on May 21st. The presentation will include information about the KBNRD brownfield program, discuss the results of the Tribal Response Program Survey from last September, and provide an opportunity for community questions, input, participation, and comments. Please join us. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

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## **May 2008**

ASP = After School Programming, BCG = Baraga County Gymnastics,

NOTICE: If there are no volunteers available for Open Gym, it will be cancelled. No youth allowed in the gym unattended! Volunteers needed!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 National Nurses Week Regalia 2-6 pm; BCG 4-7 pm	5 ASP 3:30-5:30; Youth Committee 5 pm	6 <u>ASP 3:30-5:30; BCG 4-</u> 9 pm; Karate 6-6:50 pm	7 <u>ASP 3:30-5:30;</u> Brownies 6-7 pm	8 Language Table @ Ojibwa Resort, 7:00 pm; ASP 3:30-5:30 TPAL	9 Language Table @ OCC, 7:00 pm; <u>ASP 3:30-</u> 5:30	10 TPAL
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#### WHAT IS HEPATITIS C?

Hepatitis C is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). HCV is found in the blood of people who have it. HCV is spread by contact with the blood of an infected person. Hepatitis C can lead to liver damage and death.

#### **HOW SERIOUS IS HEPATITIS C?**

Hepatitis C can be a serious disease. It may take many years for the liver damage to become a problem that needs medical help. Doing things that hurt the liver, like heavy drinking and substance abuse, can make the damage happen faster. Over time, the damage may lead to cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver, cancer of the liver and liver failure.

#### IS THERE TREATMENT FOR HEPATITIS C?

Yes — Medicines are approved for the treatment of some people with hepatitis C. If you test positive for HCV infection, you should check with your doctor to see if you have a chronic infection and if so, whether treatment can help you.

#### HOW DO PEOPLE FEEL WHEN THEY HAVE HEPATITIS C?

When a person becomes infected with HCV, he or she may not notice any symptoms. If

- there are symptoms, they may include:
- Stomach pain and swelling Nausea and vomiting

Extreme tiredness

- Loss of appetite
- Yellowish eyes and skin

#### WHAT IF YOU DON'T FEEL SICK?

Many people with hepatitis C have no symptoms and feel well. For some people, the most common symptom is extreme tiredness. If you think you are at risk, the only way to tell if you have been infected with HCV is to have a blood test.

#### WHO IS AT RISK FOR HEPATITIS C?

To get hepatitis C you must have blood-to-blood contact with a person who has hepatitis C. To get rispatitie o you must have blood-to-blood contact with a person who has nepatitis o. washing names, using gloves).

Ask your doctor for a blood test for hepatitis C if:

- You have received blood transfusions or organ transplants before 1992
- You are a health care worker and have had contact with blood from someone who has hepatitis C
- You have ever been on long-term kidney dialysis
- You have signs of liver disease
- Your mother was hepatitis C positive when you were born

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- HCV can be spread by sex, but this does not occur very often.
- A person who has hepatitis C can still get other types of viral hepatitis, like hepatitis A or hepatitis B.
- Drinking alcohol can cause more damage to your liver, allowing hepatitis C to develop more quickly.
- There is no vaccine for hepatitis C.
- There is treatment for hepatitis C, but it is not always effective.
- You can avoid HCV infection by taking simple preventive measures.

#### **HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF?**

- Don't ever shoot drugs. If you do, stop and get into a drug treatment program. If you cannot stop, do not reuse or share syringes, water, or drug works. Get vaccinated against hepatitis A and hepatitis B.
- Wear gloves if you touch anyone's blood. Healthcare workers should get vaccinated against hepatitis B.
- Do not share toothbrushes, razors, or anything else that could have blood on it.
  - If you get a tattoo or body piercing, you can get infected if:
    - The tools that are used have someone else's blood on them.
    - The artist or piercer doesn't follow good health practices (sterilizing instruments, washing hands, using gloves)

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#### OJIBWEMOWIN

Waabigwani Giizis — Flower Moon — May

## Word list

ziigwan — spring waaseyaa — sunny

abaata — warm weather kitigaan — garden

kitigaade — it is planted

nibi - water

gimiwan — rain

baashkaabigwanii — blossom

waabigwan — flower

oginiiminagaawanzh - wild rose

waasakonek - goldenrod flower

bineshi — bird giigoon — fish

migiskan — fish hook

wewebanaabii —fish with hook and line

The language page is designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm, and the "Indinawemaaganidog" cd by GLIFWC.

#### Word search

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Natural Resources Department

Pick up your FREE Earth Keeper Home Checklist for no-cost and low-cost steps to:

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Once completed, please return checklists to the Natural Resources Dept. or OHA office. For more information, contact Char Beesley, 906-524-5757, x.14

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#### HELP EACH OTHER LEARN & SPEAK



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@ Ojibwa Resort Conference Rooms, and on Friday nights 7-8 p.m. @ Ojibwa Community College

Please bring snacks/beverages to share Contact Debra Williamson (906) 353-4178



#### **Election Day**

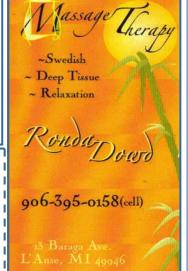
OJIBWA SENIOR **OFFICERS** FOR TWO (2) YEAR TERM:

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Tuesday, May 6<sup>th,</sup> 10 a.m. –

7 p.m.

In the **Commons Area** of the OCC



#### SUMMER COLLEGE **INTERN PROGRAM**

The Tribal Council has approved funding for a Summer College Intern Program. Five students will be placed with tribal departments for 14 weeks this summer, working 32 hours per week @ \$8.20 per hour. Students must be KBIC members, attending college full-time during the 2007-08 academic year and continuing during the 2008-09 academic year, must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and must provide proof of GPA, full-time status and college major. If the number of students applying is greater than the number of positions available, the highest GPA's will be used to determine placement.

To apply, please contact Pauline Spruce at the Personnel Office at the Tribal Center. Her phone number is 353-6623, ext. 4140. The deadline to apply is May 16, 2008, at 4 p.m. Students could begin work as early at May 27. Applications will be accepted after May 16th if all positions are not filled.

If you have any questions regarding the Summer College Intern Program, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 353-4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

Shoes are available to order from the KBIC Dept. of Health & Human Services on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the cost of \$45.00 per pair. There are women's and men's sizes, no children's. For more information, contact Heather at 353-4546.

The Nike N7 shoe was designed for the Native community with a culturally specific look and fit. The shoes are only available through tribal wellness centers like the KBIC-DHHS. The profits from the sale of the shoes will be reinvested in Nike health programs for tribal lands.



#### **Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities**

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext

4176 or 4140 or visit:

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ personnel.htm

- Summer Intern May 16
- \* LPN
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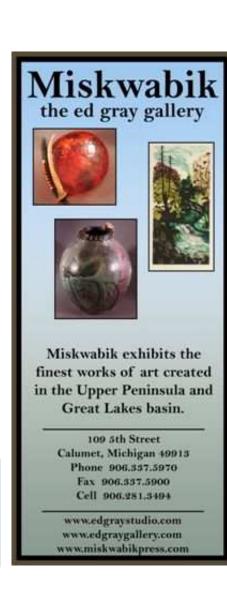
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Jerry Lee Curtis

**Frederick Dakota** 





Yvette Friisvall, Valedictorian, was also named Student of the Year.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- May 3, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- 2008 OCC Graduation
- Press Release—Ontonagon Trust Land Trespass
- 2008 KBIC Headstart Graduation
- Dream Catcher Award
- Drug Conviction Report
- New Employees
- Our Deepest Sympathy

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- Oiibwemowin

#### **2008 OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION**



Left to right — Robin Chosa, Charlotte Loonsfoot (received two diplomas), Yvette Friisvall, Cynthia Curtis, Amy Ellenich, Gloria Shalifoe. Jeff Sprenkle is not present.

Saturday, May 3, 2008, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College held their commencement ceremonies at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga, Michigan. Seven students received their diplomas and one Even Start student received his GED certificate. Associate of Applied Science diplomas were awarded to Robin Chosa (Business), Amy Ellenich (Early Childhood Education), and Yvette Friisvall (Business). Associate of Arts diplomas were awarded to Cynthia Curtis (Liberal Studies), Charlotte Loonsfoot (Liberal Studies) and Jeffrey Sprenkle (Liberal Studies). Associate of Science diplomas were awarded to Charlotte Loonsfoot (Environmental Science) and Gloria Shalifoe (Environmental Science). Travis Seppanen earned his GED certificate through the Even Start Program which is affiliated with OCC. President Debra Parrish of OCC served as Master of Ceremonies. Woodlands Drum provided the music for the processional, honor song and recessional. KBIC Color Guard were present for the Posting of Invocation was given by Joe the Colors. "Shawanung" Dowd. KBIC Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. presented the Tribal Council address. Several students throughout the Spring 2007, Fall 2007, and Spring 2008 were presented with Scholastic Awards and Honor Awards.

Yvette Friisvall received the Student of the Year Award and was also named Valedictorian. Yvette Friisvall is the daughter of Dale Friisvall of Zeba and Dianne Waara of Baraga. Yvette and her fiancé Rick Geroux have three children, Richard (age four), Harley (age three) and Octavia (age one). She works as the administrative assistant for OCC where she's been employed for the past eight years. She is the acting President of OCC's American Indian Business Leader Club and served as

Secretary from 2005-2006 and Treasurer for 2008. Yvette's awards and achievements consist of: 2006 Writer's Award, 2007 Spirit of Sovereignty Scholarship. She has also received a 2008 Michigan Indian Elders Association Scholarship. Yvette is graduating with an Associate in Applied Science (Business) this summer. Yvette plans on attending NMU to pursue a Bachelors in Business.



Gerald Kirkish (left) received the Zhungadaynahney Award. The Zhungadaynahney Award is awarded to the recipient for qualities of courage and persistence in overcoming obstacles to the student's educational goals, and are chosen by

faculty of outstanding examples of bravery, responsibility, diligence, and good spirit. Gerald "Joe" Kirkish has currently finished his freshmen year at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, with a Major in Environmental Sciences. He is an enrolled member of the KBIC. In his first semester as a full time student, Joe achieved a 3.9 grade point average and earned twelve credits. Upon starting school last fall, his goals were to take whatever writing classes the school was offering. His career goal is to write a novel, and Joe has proven that this is a goal he is more than able to accomplish. Joe entered the Tribal College Journal's student short story contest this spring and placed third out of 85 entries for his short

#### PRESS RELEASE—ONTONAGON LAND TRESPASS

In October 2007, it was discovered that a trespass had occurred on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's reservation property in Ontonagon County. The U.S. Attorney's Office was contacted, and the matter was turned over to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for investigation. Several thousands of dollars worth of timber was taken, and the property had been cleared and prepared for building without knowledge and consent of the Tribe. The tribal community was shocked that such a heinous act was committed against tribal property.

After a thorough investigation was conducted by the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police, the BIA and the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office submitted charges against Robert Genschow Sr., a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal member, to a Grand Jury in the Western District Federal Court.

On April 22, 2008, the Grand Jury returned an indictment against Mr. Genschow, on federal criminal charges of unlawfully cutting and wanton destruction of trees on an Indian reservation belonging to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, which is a federal misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison, and for theft and embezzlement of property valued at over \$1000, from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, which is a federal felony punishable by up to five years in prison. Mr. Genschow was required to appear in Federal District Court for arraignment on May 12, 2008, where a "not guilty" plea was entered on his behalf. Genschow was released on bond with a trial date set for July 21, 2008.



May 3, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on May 3, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Council approved the Department Head reports for March 2008, and meeting minutes of March 1, 2008, March 7, 2008, and October 17, 2005.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. President Swartz researched the ongoing problem of other tribes not recognizing our home territory. This has been going on since the early 1990's. He spoke with former Tribal Council Presidents, Tribal Judges, current and former Tribal Council members, Tribal Attorneys, etc., who have been involved with this controversy, and he has come to the conclusion that KBIC has the right to regulate other Indians when exercising their

off reservation treaty rights in our home territory. This topic has been a very contentious subject at the last two VOIGT Task Force meetings. The Mole Lake Tribe is still not recognizing our right to regulate other Indians in our home territory. With the cost of gas and energy on the rise, regulating the resources on or near our reservation is going to be very important because our tribal members aren't going to be able to afford to travel very far to exercise their off reservation treaty rights. President Swartz stated that he received and dealt with numerous tribal members concerns throughout the month of April. He also reported that the NAHASDA bill is being held up in the house. The Black Congressional Caucus is opposed to this bill because of the Cherokee Freedmen issue. President Swartz signed a letter to oppose any efforts by the Black Caucus Committee to hold up this bill. President Swartz met with the retirement committee and discussed many issues regarding exempt employees, treaty fishing rights related income and the defined benefit plan. President Swartz participated in conference calls regarding the upcoming Tribal/State Summit. They will continue to converse about the Teal Federal IDs, reciprocity agreements with the state regarding food handling, and other substantive issues the tribes want to bring up with the Governor. He noted that some of the tribes wanted the state to draft up an economic impact statement to cover such things as how Indian gaming has impacted the State of Michigan. President Swartz informed lobbyist, Mary Lindemann, that the Community wouldn't need her services this year. President Swartz indicated that he appointed Vice Chairman LaFernier to the Tribal Advisory Board for Indian Health Services as she has been involved with this for many years, and it made sense to have her continue in that role. President Swartz indicated that he had attended a few of the training sessions facilitated by Joe Constance at our Ojibwa Casino Resort and the Ojibwa Casino II in Marquette. He noted that employees had some concerns and did come up with some great solutions to those concerns. Some of the issues addressed were lack of employee recognition programs, short staffing problems, lack of communication, smoking in the workplace, sick leave incentives, phone system concerns, etc. The presentations by employees went well, and President Swartz thanked them for their commitment and the hard work they have been doing. President Swartz informed the Chairman of the Natural Resource Committee to develop a list of past fishermen to help the Council name future Annual Kids' Fishing Derbys.

President Swartz announced the Tribal Council has decided to appeal the Sales and Use Tax Case to the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Baker stated at the April 2008 Tribal Council meeting, "On the sales and use tax, the Court went through a very convoluted analysis of the various issues and finally concluded that the bright line test that the Community and tribal members were not subject to sales tax did not apply and that there would have to be a balancing of interests as to the application of the tax and therefore the procedures employed by the State of Michigan of requiring tribal members and the community to submit requests of exemption for each and every purchase, whether it be a tube of toothpaste or a television set and anything in-between, was permissible. The Community takes the position that there is a bright line that the Community and the tribal members are not subjected to and are immune, having immunity against the sales taxes. The Judge disagreed." An Official Telephone Poll of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Commu-

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nity Tribal Council was conducted on April 28, 2008, due to the time limitations on a request for Council on the Sales & Use Tax Case. Poll Question: "Would you consider appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals with the Sixth Circuit on the Sale & Use Tax Case?" Results of poll motion: Nine supported (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Minton, Emery, Misegan, Denomie, Blaker, Curtis, Matthews), two opposed (Dakota, Mayo), 0 abstained, motion carried

Discussion occurred regarding the Tribal Appellate Court development. Susan LaFernier stated that the current resolution states that we have to have three judges for the Appellate Court, two of whom are current judges from other tribes and another one who is a practicing lawyer. She currently has lined up two judges and is working towards recruiting a lawyer who wishes to serve as an Appellate Court Judge. President Swartz indicated that the resolution is to rotate judges from an approved pool so that there are three different judges on each case. There is a docket, a couple of pages in length, of cases filed in the Appellate Court. The current resolution does not give details as to how much these judges would be paid, etc. Members of the audience suggested that we could possibly utilize previous judges of KBIC.

Susan LaFernier gave the Vice-President report since elected Vice President in February. President Swartz has allowed Susan to continue with the opposition of the proposed mining project, which lately itself could be a full time job. Susan also working with Janice Halverson, CEO Secretary, on the completion of the unapproved 2005 meeting minutes, reviewing present minutes, working towards completion of the update and revisions of the Personnel Polices, the Committee/Board review and application process for 2008, which had been extended to a May 5 deadline. Susan is continuing to work on arranging for judges for the appellate court and she will continue to serve as a member of the IHS Bemidji Area Office Tribal Advisory Board. April 14-20, Susan traveled to London where she attended the Rio Tinto (who owns Kennecott Minerals Company) Annual General Meeting with the Board of Directors and She attended the Shareholders. meeting with Cynthia Pryor/Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Fran Whitman/Friends of the Land of Keweenaw Gabriel Caplett/ and

Northwoods Wilderness Recovery-Yellow Dog Summer. The group attended the meeting where there were 16 Rio Tinto board members with an auditorium of shareholders. Susan was able to ask three questions. 1) How will you protect and guarantee our treaty rights with the United States to hunt, fish, and gather on this land? 2) How will you protect our Great Lake Superior where the rivers flow? 3) How will you protect our "Migi zii wa sin" Eagle Rock (our sacred place) where traditional ceremonies take place, which will be blasted through and will probably be destroyed and will be fenced off for 34 years, denying us an access? Susan also requested that Kennecott withdraw any plans to mine in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan because of many reasons that could have been stated. If metallic sulfide mining is allowed to proceed on this land, not only will our territorial sovereignty be jeopardized, but also our survival as a people. Susan then stated, "I pray that our ancestor's vision and our determination will continue to be honored, and I pray that you, too, will protect our Great Lakes and our Mother Earth." Cynthia Pryor presented the group with a 10,000 signature petition against that mine. Susan added, "I am most appreciative to and thank Laura Farwell from the Huron Mountain Club for paying my airline ticket and room, and to the tribe." Susan traveled with Jason Ayres (KBIC Realtor) and Sgt. Dale Goodreau (Keweenaw Bay Tribal Conservation Department) to Lansing on April 27, for the start of the Contested Case Hearing with the State of Michigan, State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules regarding the DEQ's, Water Bureau and Office of Geological Survey issuance of permits regarding Part 31, Groundwater Discharge and Part 632, Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining that were issued to Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company. On April 28, LaFernier, Ayres, and Goodreau testified before Administrative Law Judge Richard A. Patterson, regarding the background of the Tribe, the 1842 Treaty regarding hunting, fishing and gathering rights, the property KBIC owns at the Yellow Dog Plains, and the sacred, traditional and cultural activities that take place on the plains and at Eagle Rock. At first our Treaty of 1842 (Exhibit 17) was objected to as not relevant by Kennecott, but the DEQ did not contest KBIC's standing and Judge Patterson did admit the docu-Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee ment.

Curtis and Harlan Downwind are scheduled to testify the week of May 5.

Larry Denomie III, CEO, gave a report for April 2008. Work continues on the Tribe's wage system. The Task Force assigned by Council has met and is reviewing job descriptions submitted by Directors of employees with suggested changes, which are more extensive than originally thought and will take some time to go through. Council is asking that employees be patient and realize that wage changes will be retroactive to December 6, 2007. It is estimated that an additional 45 days will be needed. A Task Force has been formed to work on initial stages of an Early Childhood Education Center. Information is being gathered in hopes that an ICDBG grant may be applied for. Plans are for this new center to be located in Baraga and will house the Early Head Start, Head Start, Pre-primary and possibly the Even Start and Library programs. Council will be updated as the project progresses. As reported last month, Cherie Dakota, Health Director, has resigned. Cherie's last day will be May 9. Interim plans while a replacement is sought are being developed. closing date for the position was April 30 and a review of the applicants will occur later in today's meeting in closed session. On April 12, CEO Denomie, traveled to Chicago, IL, to attend the annual meeting of the Higher Learning Commission with the intent of getting a better understanding of the process the Ojibwa Community College is going through in attaining accreditation status. The conference was overwhelming but the information was very helpful as the requirements necessary to reach accreditation are extensive and by viewing other institution documents it entails a tremendous amount of work. Denomie will present an overview for Council at a future meeting. On April 17, CEO Denomie, President Swartz and Jennifer Misegan at-Treasurer tended the Ojibwa Casino II employee presentations which were part of the Supervisor/Manager training by Joe Constance of Constant Training. Denomie was very impressed by the presentations and stated, "The ideas and work put forward by the groups can certainly be of value to providing a better work environment for all employees. I will be meeting with the General Managers of both properties in the near future to follow up and further review the ideas." Our new Economic De-

veloper, Gregg Nominelli, is moving forward with plans that have been placed on hold, and after his review. recommendations will be forthcoming. On May 1, CEO Denomie along with nine KBIC staff attended a Substance Abuse/Child Welfare Native American Protocol Technical Assistance Training in Petoskey, MI, which was funded and hosted by the State. The training and assistance provided tools to better coordinate agency services when dealing with families and children within the community who become part of the systems such as Tribal Court, Social Services and treatment programs. A core group was formed for KBIC during this training and will begin meeting in the future to further advance the coordination of those ser-

vices. Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of April 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on April 5, 2008, and is reported in the May 2008, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on April 10, 2008: approved the Department of Health and Human Services Nike Shoe Distribution Policy; approved the Pow-Wow Committee By-Laws; approved Resolution KB1600-2008 which formally recognizes the PowWow Committee as an advisory committee; approved removals and installation of slot machines in the Marquette Casino; approved capital costs for the Hotel Renovation Project in the amount of \$200,949; approved primaries to be by secret ballot in L'Anse and Baraga Districts with each district voting only for their own districts; approved a \$300 donation to BHK and the KBIC Pre-primary Program for a field trip to the Marquette Children's Museum; proved Dale Schmeisser's Service Agreement for the Diabetes Program; approved a donation of \$1500 for Angela Pearson - payable to her vendors; added Marquette to the L'Anse District for primaries; approved the Building Inspector job description; held the 3rd Reading of the Right To Work Ordinance #2008-01; and adopted the Right To Work Ordinance #2008-01. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on April 25, 2008: approved meeting minutes for October 2005; approved Resolution KB1607-2008—Pines Gaming Facility License; approved submission of the Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant Application; approved a commercial fishing license for Louis Curtis; approved the bid of UP Office Systems for a new copier for Realty and the Economic Developer; amended the Government Personnel Policy on payroll advances to add that an employee can get a payroll advance if out of town on payday and unavailable to pick up the check; approved the KBIC Organizational Chart; approved Robin Chosa as a potential candidate for the Board of Regents of the Ojibwa Community College; named the 6th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby the "George E. Curtis Memorial Fishing Derby"; approved the cell phone proposal from Alltel; and approved a donation of \$100 to the Holy Name of Jesus Church for use of their facilities for the Breaking of the Waters Ceremony. A phone poll was conducted and passed on April 28, 2008, with the question of "Would you consider appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals with the 6th Circuit on the Sales & Use Tax Case?" The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on April 29, 2008: agreed to bid out the Renovation/Expansion Project at the Donald LaPointe Health and Education Facility to Tribal member businesses; approved the Services Agreement with Baraga County Memorial Hospital for Transcription Services; approved April donations; agreed to reimburse Angela Pearson \$96.96.

A discussion occurred regarding the primary elections as Secretary Minton indicated that Council had approved primaries to be by secret ballot in L'Anse and Baraga Districts with each district voting only for their own districts in the primary and members would vote for both districts in the General Election. Members of the audience voiced concerns in being able to vote only for nominees in their own district. Treasurer Misegan informed those in attendance that this decision is in compliance with our constitution-Article IV, Section 4, as it reads: "The L'Anse and Baraga districts shall formulate their own rules and regulations regarding nominations and candidates for the Tribal Council, such nominees being elected by majority vote of the entire tribe. Each district will be required to file the names of proposed candidates with the Tribal Secretary at least fifteen days prior to election. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Tribal Council to post at least ten days before election the names of all candidates for the Council." when the election board came forward with this proposal, they interpret it as the L'Anse and Baraga districts would come forward with their nominees from the primaries, and those nominees then would be elected by the majority vote of the entire tribe.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2008. The Tribal Council met on April 29th to review the donation requests. Of the 25 requests, 14 were approved. Council approved: \$7,000 for the Baraga Lumberjack Days Committee as sponsorship of the 4th of July activities, \$1000 for Senator Carl Levin, \$500 for the Baraga County Committee to Promote Alcohol Awareness (incentives for the L'Anse/Baraga parents to host alcohol free graduation parties), \$500 to the American Legion for Veteran's grave markers and flags, \$1000 for continued support of the Native American Rights Fund, \$250 for Baraga County Gymnastics, \$250 (sponsorship for U.P. Mud Drag Racing) Tom and Brandy Chosa, \$250 (sponsorship for U.P. Mud \$250 Drug Racing) Don Koski, (sponsorship for U.P. Mud Drag Racing) Dan Koski, \$250 (sponsorship for U.P. Mud Drug Troy LaFernier. Racing) \$250 (Stockcar Racing sponsorship) Daniel Huecksteadt, \$250 (Stockcar Racing sponsorship) Jeff Klopstein, \$250 (AMA Motocross Racing sponsorship) Steven Denomie, and \$250 (BMX Racing sponsorship) Gardner Bess III. Treasurer Misegan stated she attended four sessions of the management final presentations, one with governmental employees, one with Baraga Enterprise employees and two with Marquette Casino employees. These sessions consisted of the identification of a problem and a solution to it using the training techniques they had been taught. She noted they were good, and it helped her better understand where the employees are coming from. Treasurer Misegan reviewed financial statements for the month of March and urges all Tribal Council members to do the same. There are areas of concern and many should be closely monitored. Misegan noted that she signed numerous checks, reviewed budget modifications and answered several questions throughout the month.

William Jondreau requested a donation on behalf of the Baraga County Little League. He estimates 60-70 of the children who participate are KBIC members or descendants. Motion by Doreen Blaker to authorize a \$1000 donation for the

# Baraga County Little League, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Council moved into closed session with President Swartz, CEO Larry Denomie and Attorney John Baker on the agenda. Fred Dakota opposed the motion to move into closed session. After closed session Council approved holding the Lumberjack Days' Battle of the Bands on KBIC property and granted an exemption to the Title 10 Code that allows President Swartz to grant permits to KBIC Tribal fisherman on lakes declared by the Sokaogan Band in our Home Territory.

## OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS' MATCH INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR KBIC STUDENTS

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens' announced at the end of April their decision to match incentive awards given to KBIC students by the Michigan Indian Elders' for 2007-2008. These students, list published in last month's issue of Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag, definitely deserve incentives for their hard work towards their educational goals. MIEA incentive awards are payable at \$25 each.

The Michigan Indian Elders' Association (MIEA) was formed in 1997 to address the varied needs for the elders in the state of Michigan. The purpose is to aid and assist in the improvement of the economic, social, healthful and spiritual well-being of those elders through a forum where the elder may speak, learn, grow and exercise control over their environment by having representation, enabling access to services, provide prevention training, and act as an advocate for member organizations. MIEA has representation from 11 of the state's 12 federally recognized tribes, of which Keweenaw Bay is one of.

The award list follows: Vanessa Beaver — two awards, Cassandra Dix — one award, Jordan Dix — two awards, Samuel Dix — three awards, Sarah Dix — two awards, Opal Ellsworth — two awards, Preston Ellsworth — two awards. Breanne Fish — one award, Mariah Fish — four awards, Paige Graham — four awards, Autumn Haataja — two awards, Katelyn Haataja — one award, Desiree Jermac two awards, William Jondreau — two awards, Brandon Koski — one award, Brianna Koski — four awards, Austin Ludwig — two awards, Kymberly Ludwig — three awards, Grayson Roe — one award, Sonja Welch — four awards, Zachary Welch — two awards.

## OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS' BOARD ELECTIONS

May 6, 2008, brought forth 73 Ojibwa Seniors to the Annual Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Elections. Out of nine nominees, six received a seat on the board. Loretta Hugo, Ronald Spruce, Sandy Pittsley, Roger Duschene, Agatha Cardinal and Molly Loonsfoot received the winning votes from their peers.

#### WHY I SHOULD BE ALCOHOL FREE.

By: Desiree Jermac, Baraga Area Schools, Sixth Grade.

You should not drink because when you are intoxicated you may do things you will regret. You may hurt family, friends or even loved ones. While intoxicated if you do the wrong things, you may end up in jail, which is not the best place to be. Jail can easily mess someone's life up and getting in trouble for drinking isn't always good so do not drink and you will not get into a lot of trouble.

There are plenty of ways to get into trouble while drinking; one major way people get in trouble while drinking is drinking and driving. There are thousands of car accidents a year caused by drinking and driving. Most people, when they are drunk, they cannot see very clearly. Their eyesight goes blurry which makes it easier to hit something. Also, when people drink too much they can "pass out" while driving. This also makes danger on the roads.

Other serious dangers are when women who are pregnant drink. If the mother is drinking, there is a high risk for something to be wrong with the baby. Also if the mother does drink the baby has a better chance of drinking when they get older. If the mother drinks the baby's brain has a chance of being smaller than normal. The baby may also have a growing problem during their life because the alcohol may mess up their system.

Another thing that can take twists and turns while drinking is your hygiene. Your breath could start to stink, and you could get very bad acne while drinking. When drinking, a lot of people have a difficult time keeping their eyes open. Some people could possibly have one eye open while the other eye is closed. This can have an effect on what new people think of you. It may cause them to think something you didn't want them to.

One major thing we have a problem with in the U.S.A. is underage drinking. Minors' (18 and younger) systems cannot handle all the alcohol. Minors, if exposed to too much alcohol, may act more differently than most legal adults. Underage drinkers have horrible consequences like Juvenile Detention, Foster Homes, or worse.

Drinking is not a very responsible thing to do at any age. So I think it's very nice that we have an alcohol awareness month. Thank you!

# AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP 3-Day Training Course

HACCP training certification is required to obtain a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community commercial fishing license. There will be a certification course offered in Brimley, Michigan, during December 2008. Registration fee is \$90. A course agendal may be obtained at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Licensing Office or Natural Resource Department. Registration and travel costs will be paid for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal members who wish to attend this training, through prior arrangement.

#### Course Information

Date: December 9-11, 2008
Times: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily
Location: Bay Mills Community College –
Migizi Hall, 12214 W. Lakeshore Drive
Brimley, Michigan

#### For registration please contact:

Ronald Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University, (906) 226-3687. For more information please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.

### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

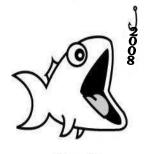
RONALD GEORGE "SHINE" MILLER (December 26, 1945 - May 15, 2008)

Ronald George Miller, age 62, walked on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, WI. Ronald grew up in L'Anse and graduated from L'Anse High School in 1963. He was in the US Army during the Vietnam War. After returning, he attended Ferris State University for three years and then moved back to L'Anse. Ronald worked as a union carpenter. He liked football and basketball. Ronald was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, VFW Post 3897, and the American Legion Post 144 of L'Anse.

Surviving are his son, Daniel Miller of Canada; step daughter Angela Miller of Franklin, WI; sister Barbara Knipp of L'Anse; and two grandchildren. Preceding him in death are his brothers Earl, Ed, Howard and Robert Miller, sisters Mary Steadman, Helen Lindahl and Ann Misegan.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 20th at the Zeba Indian Mission Methodist Church with Rev. John Henry officiating. Burial was at the Indian Pinery Cemetery with the Baraga County Area Veterans conducting military services at the grave site under the direction of the American Legion Post 444. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family with the arrangements.

#### FREE EVENT!!!



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## FREE KIDS FISHING DERBY!!!

THE 2008 KBIC (George E. Curtis Memorial) KIDS FISHING DERBY!

#### Where?:

Ojibwa Recreation Area, Off of US-41 Baraga, (Between Pines Gas Station and M-38 Junction) Sand Point Pond (near lighthouse).

When?:

June 21, 9am-1pm

#### Registration begins at 9am,

Many prizes awarded at registration and throughout the morning. Rods and Reels will be given to kids without them at registration, but kids who bring their own rods and reels will be given an incentive prize.

Food, fun and various games for "fisher-kids" ages 4-12

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Must be present for various random prize drawings and misc. activities, but NEED NOT BE PRESENT for major prize winner announcements at end of event

#### CONTACT:

KBIC Natural Resources for more information: (906) 524-5757

story, "Hunting on the Rez." He also placed in the top 20 contestants in the Marquette Monthly yearly short fiction contest. During vehicle breakdowns, Joe often walked three miles one way to get to school. His attendance was spectacular, and he was often found in the computer lab either writing or doing homework. Joe stated, "At KBOCC I was exposed to a broader education than what I had envisioned, and I realized on my own that I was robbing myself of a very precious gift, knowledge." Joe has applied to go to NMU next fall to continue towards his goal of writing a novel.

Raymond Cadreau received the Outstanding Freshman Award. Departmental Awards were given to Kelly Dowd and Christine Awonohopay for Early Childhood; Gloria Shalifoe and Charlotte Loonsfoot for Environmental Science; and Katie Payne and Charlotte Loonsfoot for Liberal Studies.



This year the students chose James Jay Loonsfoot as the Faculty member of the Year. Jay Loonsfoot (above) was presented with gifts by his students. Students, faculty and family enjoyed a feast of celebration following the ceremonies. Congratulations graduates!



President Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr., presents the Tribal Council's Address



Woodlands Drum



**KBIC Color Guard** 



OCC President Debra Parrish, Master of Ceremonies



Travis Seppanen presented with his GED certificate by Even Start Director, Mary DeLine.

## **AABINOOJIIYENS**

Meet Jace Richard Hunter Chosa, born 05/09/2008, to Ashley Chosa and Peter Goodreau. Jace was 6 lbs. 15.6 oz. and was 19 inches at birth.





#### Anishinaabe Anokii First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- **Tribal Business Owner Directory**
- **Business Development Resources**
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- **Business Support & Developmental Education Classes**
- **Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes**
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm Timothy W. Shanahan,

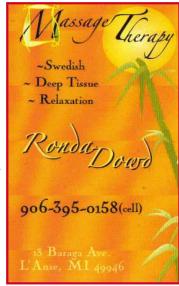
**Business Counselor** 

Services Coordinator

Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627





#### **JONDREAU'S RECIPIENTS OF 2008 DREAM CATCHER AWARD**

KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Program announced the selection of this year's recipients for the first annual "Dream Catcher Award" in celebration of the National Week of the Young Child, April 13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>. Bucki and Bill Jondreau of Baraga were selected from an impressive group of nominees for this special honor.

The "Dream Catcher Award" recognizes the contributions of community individuals to the success of children through their efforts in the areas of early childhood education, social services, parenting or mentoring. Through this award. KBIC Even Start spotlights the people who make a positive difference in the lives of young children in our community.

In the words of Lisa Denomie, "Bill and Bucki Jondreau deserve to be recognized for contributing to the success of young children in our community. They are both extremely positive role models and an asset to all the young children's lives in our community. They have always taken the steps needed to be involved in their children's lives. They both are, and always have been, very active volunteers in the schools/centers their children attend."



Left to Right, Helen Jondreau (nominee), William Jondreau, Mary DeLine (KBIC Even Start Coordinator), Bucki Jondreau, Mary Rehn (nominee).

In addition to the Jondreau's dedication to their own children's success, Denomie notes how their efforts reach out into the community, "They pull up their sleeves, reach out and help the children, whenever and however they are needed. They definitely need recognition for all they have done for our children, our community and for assisting children in 'Catching their Dreams.'"

As the 2008 recipients of the "Dream Catcher" Award, the Jondreau's were honored at a luncheon hosted by KBIC Even Start at its center on Thursday, April 24th where they received their certificate and a dream catcher handcrafted by Gladys Genschow. All of this year's nominees were also invited to attend.

"We would like to thank the many people who took the time to submit nominations for this year's award," states Mary DeLine, program coordinator. "Each nominee was a deserving individual, and we applaud their efforts, thanking them for all they do to enrich and support the lives of children in our community."

## New Employees



Joel Mills—Third Party Medical Biller Joel graduated from Gogebic Community College in May of this year with an Associate's Degree in Applied Business and Certification in Medical Coding and Billing. Joel will be taking the formal certification exam, Certified Coding Associate (CCA), on May 24th in Sault Ste. Marie. MI.

Joel states, "I was born and raised in Calumet, MI. I now reside in Laurium with my wife Audrey. We are expecting our first child in late October. Audrey is a senior in Finlandia University's BSN nursing program.

I already enjoy working at a medical facility which is so involved in the community it serves. It seems there is always some cool program going on to help people in the community. The people who I work with are dedicated to their job in helping the welfare of the KBIC, and I am glad to be a part of that."



"Aniin! My name is Joe Jacker, I am the new Tribal Historic Preservation Office Technician. I am a KBIC Tribal Member and have lived here since 2002. I moved here from Gladstone, Michigan, where I grew up. In 2002, I joined the U.S. Army and had the opportunity to live in Korea and Colorado. Since I came back to KBIC in 2005, I have been attending classes at the KBOCC. Preserving the history of the people at KBIC is very important, it is a great honor to be able to work in this field and I look forward to working with the community. The efforts of the THPO will be a great benefit to the people today and for future generations to come. If you would like to stop by the THPO to discuss issues related to the preservation of Tribal History or culture, please feel free to stop by the Cultural Center where the THPO is located, or you can reach me by phone at 353-6272 and by email at THPO@kbic-nsn.gov. Miigwetch!"



Gregg Nominelli has been hired as the Economic Developer for KBIC. Gregg previously worked in similar positions in Marquette and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Nominelli was born and raised in Hancock, is a graduate of Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, and worked in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate. He also served as a Houghton County Commissioner.

Nominelli states that he accepted the position as Economic Developer because "As an attorney, I enjoy helping individuals start and expand businesses. I also enjoy being involved in governmental operations." Nominelli states his goals are to help create jobs while focusing on manufacturing and emerging industry opportunities. "I see alternative energy as the wave of the present and future," states Nominelli. "It is the right thing to do and the right time to do it."

In addition to enjoying the work, Gregg likes living in the friendly rural and small town atmosphere offered in the Upper Peninsula and the recreation offered on our lakes and waters.

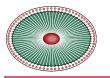


Carole LaPointe, RN, was hired as Health Director for the KBIC Department of Health and Human Services by the tribal council on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and will begin her duties on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Carole has been a registered nurse for over twenty-two years. While out of the area, her most recent nursing/administrative experience was serving as director of nursing for a 58-bed nursing facility in Lower Michigan, from 2004-2006. She returned to the area and was hired as Youth Director in August of 2006, where she has implemented youth program-

ming which includes the KBIC Future Entrepreneurs, developed a youth program manual and facility manual for the KBIC Niiwin Akeaa Recreational Facility. "I will certainly miss working with our youth, but I still plan on volunteering for youth activities. It is very rewarding to watch them grow into productive young adults", states Carole.

"I have reached a lifelong career goal in returning to the Health Department in this capacity, and I am humbled and proud to be serving the people of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Right now, it is very important that our people contact their legislators to urge them to pass the *Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) of 2007*, which has been held up in the House for over a year. Please visit the IHS website for more information about the *IHCIA* at <a href="www.ihs.gov">www.ihs.gov</a> or stop by the health department to receive more information on it and about contacting your local legislator." Carole is the mother of five grown children and three grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and has started to enjoy scrapbooking.



#### 1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next…

Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



## KBIC EVEN START

Family Literacy Program ENROLL NOW!

Earn your GED or High School Diploma

Early Childhood Programs for children Improve parenting skills Incentives for participation Transportation and childcare available

Even Start is **free** to all Tribal and Non-Tribal members in Baraga County who are expecting a baby or have children under the age of eight.

Call 353-8161 to register

KBIC EVEN START

755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908

#### The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community **Drug Task Force**

— Mission Statement —

To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of "illegal drugs" for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.

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The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Drug Task Force will be submitting articles in the upcoming newsletters to promote education through public awareness. The Task Force is also planning to hold community education programs during the Summer. Be watching for the dates. Our first article is in regard to the proper disposal of prescription drugs and the prevention of prescription drug abuse. Many times we either keep our unused/ unneeded/expired prescription drugs or flush them in the toilet. Please refer to the following federal guidelines when disposing of prescription drugs. The Task Force is also researching ways to be able to return unused/unneeded/expired prescription drugs.

Following is an overview of drug facts from the Office of National Drug Control Policy regarding prescription drug abuse. The non-medical use or abuse of prescription drugs remains a serious public health concern. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse's (NIDA) research report, Prescription Drugs: Abuse and Addiction, there are three classes of prescription drugs that are most commonly used: 1) Opioids, which are most often prescribed to treat pain-examples include: codeine, oxycodone (OxyContin and Percocet), and morphine (Kadian and Avina), 2) Central nervous system (CNS) depressants, which are used to treat anxiety and sleep disorders-examples include: barbiturates (Mebaral and Nembutal) and benzodiazepines (Valium and Xanax), 3) Stimulants, which are prescribed to treat the sleep disorder narcolepsy, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and obesity-examples include: dextramphetamine (Dexedrine and Adderall) and methylphenidate (Ritalin and Concerta). Many Americans benefit from the appropriate use of prescription pain killers, but when abused, they can be as addictive and dangerous as illegal drugs. Prescription drugs should only be taken exactly as directed by a medical professional. Please also review our Donald H. LaPointe Clinic's prescription policy.

Abuse of prescription drugs to get high has become increasingly prevalent among teens and young adults. Past year abuse of prescription pain killers now ranks second—only behind marijuana—as the Nation's most prevalent illegal drug problem. A number of national studies and published reports indicate that the intentional abuse of prescription drugs, such as pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants and sedatives, to get high is a growing concern particularly among teens. A high percentage of teens and young adults report that they can get ready access to someone else's prescription drugs from the family medicine cabinet. \*Prescription drugs should be stored in a safe, secure place and counted regularly to help ensure that they do not get into the hands of unauthorized users.

Please call the following numbers to report the illegal sale of drugs/prescription drugs:

353-DRUG or 353-3784.

Your name will remain confidential unless you choose otherwise.

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The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has a toll-free international hotline to report the illegal sale and abuse of prescription drugs: 1-877-RxAbuse (1-877-792-2873)

The illegal sale of drugs on the internet or in e-mails can be reported to the following agencies: Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Division Control Program, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

It is our responsibility to "Stop Prescription Drug Abuse."



#### Federal Guidelines:

- Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers and throw them in the trash.
- Mixing prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and putting them in impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, will further ensure the drugs are not diverted.
- Flush prescription drugs down the toilet only if the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs doing so (see box).
- Take advantage of community pharmaceutical take-back programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. Some communities have pharmaceutical take-back programs or community solid-waste programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. Where these exist, they are a good way to dispose of unused pharmaceuticals.

The FDA advises that the following drugs be flushed down the toilet instead of thrown in the trash:

Actiq (fentanyl citrate)

Daytrana Transdermal Patch (methylphenidate) Duragesic Transdermal System (fentanyl)

OxyContin Tablets (oxycodone)

Avinza Capsules (morphine sulfate)

Baraclude Tablets (entecavir) Reyataz Capsules (atazanavir sulfate)

Tequin Tablets (gatifloxacin)

Zerit for Oral Solution (stavudine)

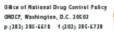
Meperidine HCl Tablets

Percocet (Oxycodone and Acetaminophen)

Xyrem (Sodium Oxybate)

Fentora (fentanyl buccal tablet)

Note: Patients should always refer to printed material accompanying their medication for specific instruction





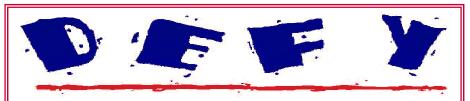
Prescription Drugs?

One in five teens reports intentionally misusing someone else's prescription drugs to get high. Nearly half say they get the medications from friends and relatives for free.

### Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse.

- Store your prescription drugs in a safe, secure place and count your pills regularly.
- Mix unused medications with an undesirable substance and place in a sealed container before disposing in the trash.

For more information, visit www.samhsa.gov/rxsafety, call 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (726-4727), or talk to your pharmacist.



#### What is DEFY?

Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) is a self-esteem building program that provides kids with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs, and alcohol.

Initially developed by the Drug Demand Reduction Task Force (DDRTF), DEFY is sponsored by the Department of Justice and restricted to youth ages 9—12. A two-phase program, DEFY begins in the summer with a five-day non-residential camp program. This challenging, fun-filled week in the summer is followed by phase two, a year of mentoring.

Most participants gain a great deal from the DEFY experience. They make lasting friendships and learn a lot about themselves. Upon graduation, kids are placed in youth organizations that help them to meet their goals.

DEFY focuses on building youngsters' self-image and setting goals. It stresses interpersonal relations, and emphasizes leadership and teamwork. Along the way it raises awareness of the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs, as well as the dangerous effects of peer pressure to join gangs. The structured curriculum offers education, skill development and physical fitness. DEFY is all about creating positive experiences so that kids will choose healthy alternatives instead of substance abuse and gang involvement.

In essence, the DEFY program provides leadership to kids and thereby strengthens our communities. Our motto is: Strong Kids.... Strong Families.... Ready for the Future.

\* The DEFY summer camp will take place July 7-11 in Baraga. Applications will be available beginning May 19. Space is limited to forty 9-12 year olds and applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. For further information, contact: Chris Gerard (906) 353-4646 or Carole LaPointe (906) 353-4643.

#### DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the

publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

#### Felicia J. VanDyke, case # 08-033, Controlled Substance.

**Factual Basis:** Defendant did use a controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine. **Sentenced on 04/22/2008 to:** 

- 1. \$150 fine.
- 2. 180 days jail, 60 days to be served, credit for 43 days, 17 more to be served, 120 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for lodging costs (which includes medical costs while lodged).
- 3. The Defendant was to obtain a substance abuse screening prior to sentencing. The Defendant is to comply with the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged, (substance abuse inpatient treatment has been recommended). The Defendant may be released while serving the remaining 17 days directly to an inpatient treatment facility.
- 4. 12-18 months of alcohol and drug restricted probation to include random PBT and drug testing. The Defendant will be drug tested bi-weekly until further Order of the Court. The Defendant will be financially responsible for all costs of random drug and alcohol testing.
- 5. The Defendant must seek or obtain employment throughout probation period.
- 6. The Defendant is to make payment on her Court obligations within a four week period of being released from inpatient treatment and is to set up a payment schedule with the probation department. All Christmas gift checks will be garnished in full until the Defendant's Court obligations are paid in full.

#### Thomas J. Paquin Jr. #08-060, §3.1706, Controlled Substance.

Factual Basis: Defendant did use a controlled substance, to-wit: Marijuana. Sentenced on 04/23/2008 to:

- 1. \$150 fine.
- 180 days jail, credit for 41 days served, 139 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for lodging and associated costs.
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening (residential treatment has been recommended) and follow the recommendations and after care until successfully discharged. Defendant will be recommitted should he fail to complete residential treatment.
- 4. 12-18 months standard alcohol/drug restricted probation with \$10 monthly fee. Defendant is subject to random PBT and drug tests and is financially responsible for the costs of those tests. May do Community Service to pay fines and probation fees.
- 5. Defendant must complete his education or obtain employment.

#### KBIC HEAD START CLASS OF 2008



The KBIC Head Start class of 2008 celebrated graduation on May 9. (Back L-R) Jason Kinnunen, Dana Kelly, Christopher Genschow, Allison Durant, Richard Geroux, Abbi Dowd, Joshua Waisanen, Bailey Harden. (Front L-R) Zoie Thierry, Charles Spruce, Skylar LeClaire, Dysean Allen, Kayleonna Tollefson, Virgil Mongozid, Aleeha Gauthier-Moulden, Jace Engle, Jayde LaFernier.

## 2008 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2008 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

Enrolled Tribal member Attending an accredited college/university Enrolled as a full-time student Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at <a href="mailto:amy@KBIC-nsn.gov">amy@KBIC-nsn.gov</a>. The application deadline is August 4, 2008, at 4 p.m.

## Scholarship Opportunity — The Michigan Indian Elders Association 2008 Scholarship Notice

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will award a minimum of four (4) \$500 scholarships and one (1) \$1000 scholarship made available. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from a public college, university or technical school and must meet specific qualifications listed on their website, www.michiganindianelders.com. Application forms are available on the website or can be obtained from the tribal education department of each of the constituent tribe/bands.

## **Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Weed & Seed Community Initiative**

The Weed & Seed Community Initiative is a multi-disciplinary strategic approach which "weeds out" undesirable elements such as violent crime, gang activity, drug use, and drug trafficking in a targeted area of the community. The program then "seeds" the area by restoring those neighborhoods through a variety of social and economic revitalization activities.

KBIC is looking for community members who are passionate about the community to participate in various Weed & Seed Community Initiative meetings. Neighborhood representation is needed for Zeba and Marquette Trust Lands.

Contact either Chris at 353-4646 or Judy at 353-4201 for more information.

## Community members are always welcome to attend the any of the following meetings:

Weed & Seed Steering Committee meetings: held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in one of the Tribal Center conference rooms.

Weed Committee meetings: held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in one of the Tribal Center conference rooms.

Seed Committee meetings: held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in the Tribal Social Services meeting room.

Note: Meeting(s) date, time and/or location occasionally changes.

## **June 2008**

NOTICE: If there are no volunteers available for Open Gym, it will be cancelled. No youth allowed in the gym unattended! Volunteers needed! Youth calendar events @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club.

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	une is home safety / onal safety month.	2	3	4	5 Language Table @ Ojibwa Resort, 7:00 pm	6 Language Table @ OCC, 7:00 pm	7
8		9	10 Weed Committee Meeting 2:30 pm	11 Nike Shoes at DHHS; Seed Committee Meeting 2:30 pm	12 Language Table @ Ojibwa Resort, 7:00 pm; OHA Financial Ed Class 5 -8pm	13 Language Table @ OCC, 7:00 pm	14 Flag Day
		3-day Indigenous Plannii	ng Session	Economic Development A	ssessment & Market Ana	lysis Session	
	Noos giizhagad— Father's Day	16	17	18 Weed & Seed Steer- ing Meeting 2:30 pm	19 Language Table @ Ojibwa Resort, 7:00 pm; OHA Financial Ed Class 5 -8pm	20 Language Table @ OCC, 7:00 pm; Diabetic Foot Clinic <u>Niibin</u>	21 Kid's Fishing Derby 9am –1pm
22		23	24	25 Nike Shoes at DHHS	26 Language Table @ Ojibwa Resort, 7:00 pm; Diabetic luncheon 11am—1 pm (preregister)	27 Language Table @ OCC, 7:00 pm	28 Summer Safety Seat Fun Day!
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#### ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The U.S. Department of Justice, Community Capacity **Development Office** and the **Keweenaw Bay Indian Community** 

Invites you to participate in the KBIC Weed & Seed Community Initiative and the KBIC Indian Economic Development Initiative by attending various sessions during June 9-13, 2008.

Weed & Seed is a strategy designed to deter crime, promote economic growth and enhance quality of life. As part of the Weed & Seed Community Initiative (WSC), KBIC was invited to participate in a five-year Indian Economic Development Initiative (IEDI). An assessment of KBIC is being conducted and will include meetings, trainings and various activities during the week. As part of the IEDI, a week-long on-site visit of CCDO and key partners will be taking place from June 9-13, 2008.

Tribal Members are encouraged to attend the **Opening Session of this Program:** Monday, June 9, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Location TBD** 

Sessions will also be conducted on:

Indigenous Planning - 3 Day Training Session Monday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 11, 2008 Preregistration is required due to limited space.

**Economic Development Assessment & Market Analysis** 1 - 1 1/2 Hour Sessions Wednesday, June 11 - Friday, June 13, 2008

For the Indigenous Planning Sessions, Tribal members with a passion for the community and basic computer skills are needed to represent the community in the following areas:

**Tribal Council** Tribal Administration Social Services Senior Citizens

Legal/Tribal Court Tribal Police **Community Groups** Ojibwa Community

College

**Enterprise Business** Member Businesses Health Services Ojibwa Housing Authority

For more information and to participate in any of the week's events, please contact Donna or Gregg in the KBIC Economic Development Office at 353-4115.

## KBIC Diabetes Program Events

Diabetic Foot Care Clinic

Care includes nail trimming and foot exam.

Friday, June 20th in the KBIC Dental Clinic.

Appointments required. 

#### **Diabetes Talking Circle** & Education

**Tribal Dept. of Health & Human Services Upstairs Conference Room - Baraga, MI** 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>: Monitoring

Learn how you can earn a prize valued at \$20 or greater!

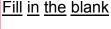
For more information or to register for these events contact: Kathy at 353-4519 or Heather at 353-4546.

#### NEW SETTINGS FOR SUMMER SCIENCE

This year summer science activities for kindergarten through sixth grade students will be offered in a new format. Instead of a stand-alone summer science day camp, the DESTINY program will provide programming to the KBIC summer day camp and the Great Explorations programs. By cooperating with the newer summer programs this year, DES-TINY will help ensure that the health and science learning of summer science continue on after DESTINY's program funding ends.

#### **OJIBWEMOWIN**

Ode'mini Giizis — Strawberry Moon — June



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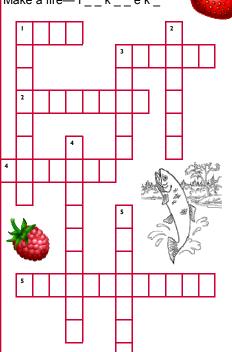
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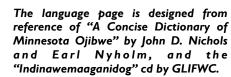
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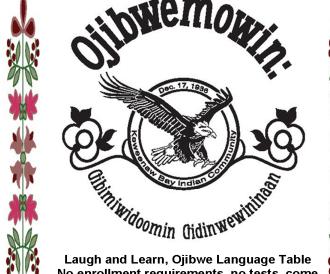
- 1. Walleye
- 2. Raspberries
- 3. Mosquito
- 4. Camp
- 5. Fish with hook & line

#### Down:

- 1. Strawberries
- 2. Summer
- 3. River
- 4. Make a fire
- 5. Lake trout



## HELP EACH OTHER LEARN & SPEAK



No enrollment requirements, no tests, come when you can. This is an informal learning opportunity for all ages.

We will meet on Thursday night 7-8 p.m.

- @ Oiibwa Resort Conference Rooms. and on Friday nights 7-8 p.m.
  - @ Ojibwa Community College

Please bring snacks/beverages to share Contact Debra Williamson (906) 353-4178









Shoes are available to order from the KBIC Dept. of Health & Human Services on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the cost of \$45.00 per pair. There are women's and men's sizes, no children's. For more information, contact Heather at 353-4546.

The Nike N7 shoe was designed for the Native community with a culturally specific look and fit. The shoes are only available through tribal wellness centers like the KBIC-DHHS. The profits from the sale of the shoes will be reinvested in Nike health programs for tribal lands.





Starting July 1st Michigan law will require all children under the age of 8 and shorter then 4 foot 9 inches to ride in a booster seat.

Call Ruth at 353-4543 for more information

Sponsored by: KBIC Healthy Start and KBIC DHHS

EVER WONDER HOW YOU'RE GOING TO AFFORD TO BUY A HOME?

START A BUSINESS? GO TO COLLEGE? NEED A VEHICLE FOR WORK OR SCHOOL? HOME REPAIR AND CREDIT REPAIR FUNDS ALSO AVAILABLE...

> (must attend class to be eligible, pick up applications for IDA at Zeba Annex, call Christine or Natalie @ 524-5514 for questions)

Financial Education Class June 12th and June 19th @ Zeba Annex

5:00pm to 8:00 pm Snacks will be served

Day Care provided upon request

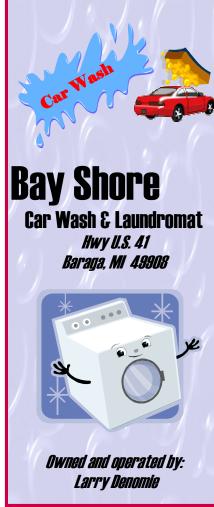
Call Christine at 906-524-5514 Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corp. to sign up.















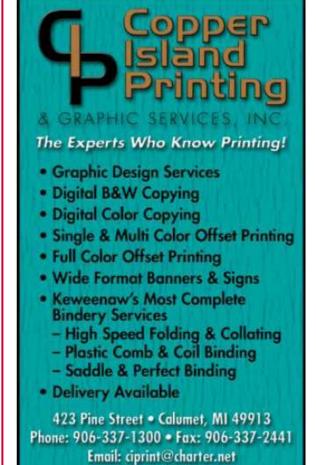
For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140

#### http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ personnel.htm

- Youth Coordinator June 2
- Police Cadet June 2
- Unit Manager (Part-time) open until filled

#### On Call positions:

- \* LPN
- \* Unit Manager \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Child Care Provider
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker



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### GIIKENDAA CHIWIKWEGAM



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### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HONORED



Left to right, (front row) — Charlotte Loonsfoot, Cheyenne Crebessa, Clarissa Duschaine, Olivia Rajacic, Courtney Swartz, Jessica Picard, (middle row) — Travis Rajacic, George Gauthier, Christopher Loonsfoot, Alexander Tilson, Stacey Rolof, (back row) — Mitchell Durant, Joseph Jossens, Jaren Forcia, Zachary Gougeon. Missing from photo — Sheena Friisvall, Tom Paquin, and Loryssa Wiideman.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee held their Annual Senior Banquet on Friday, May 30, 2008, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. This year eighteen KBIC students were honored for earning their high school diplomas. Terri Denomie hosted the evening event with the assistance of Lynn Haataja (opening prayer), Robin Roe (introduction of the guest speaker), Vicki Emery and Dawn Alexander (presentation of certificates). President Warren C. Swartz Jr. gave the Council address and presented the graduates with a gift on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Charles Loonsfoot Jr. and William Seppanen Sr. presented the graduates with gifts on behalf of the KBIC Educational Committee. Ronald Spruce, Vice President of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, presented the graduates with a gift on behalf of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. Cody Blue, Diane Charron and Toni Minton presented the graduates with gifts on behalf of the KBIC Cultural Committee.

Christopher Gerard, (shown below), KBIC Weed and Seed Coordinator, was the guest speaker at the evening event. Gerard spoke to the new graduates, "Obtaining may be the only opportunity you will ever have. I have your high school diploma is the first step in the begin- met a lot of people in my life and have come to the rening of the new life ahead of you. You all have worked extremely hard to get to this point and now you get the opportunity to start fresh in what I call the 'Game' of life. I refer to life as a 'game' because it really is. There are a lot of ups and downs, and at times it's going to feel like a roller coaster ride. During the next few years and for the rest of your life for that matter, you are going to experience some tough and challenging times. It's important that you have goals and work as hard as you can to reach those goals. To this point, most of you not as many job opportunities as there were when I have had someone looking over you to guide you in the was sitting in your position. The job market is exright direction, make sure you had the things that you've

needed and also be your financial support. Some of you will continue your education by attending college,

which path you take, someone will more than likely be there to continue to make sure you have the things you need; however, that is not going to last forever, eventually it is going to be up to you. This is why the choices and decisions that you make today and in the next few years will impact you for the rest of your life. No matter what path you decide to take, make sure that in the end, you do something that you will enjoy. There are many opportunities out there, and I guarantee you; there is something for each and every one of you. Sometimes finding the right fit for you can be challenging. That is why you need to keep an open mind and keep an open eye on the 'big picture.' By that I mean don't make decisions that will be good today, but not tomorrow. Don't jump into things without thinking about how the decisions you make today may affect you in five to ten years down the road. You are going to cross paths with many people throughout the rest of your life. Some of them you will see once and never again, and some of them you will see over and over. Remember that the first impression that you make on someone alization that the world is actually a pretty small place. I cannot begin to tell you how many times I have run into someone I met before, no matter if it was through athletics, my college days or my law enforcement career. That new person that you meet tomorrow may just be the same person sitting across from you during that interview for your first job, two, three or four years down the road. You are about to begin your new life at a tough time. During a tough economy where there are tremely competitive and for those of you that aren't already employed, it is going to be a challenge. This doesn't mean you should give up, it just means you may have to work a little harder. Don't ever give up! Think about what kinds of career opportunities that interest you, research those opportunities and find something to talk to about them. Remember to keep an some of you will open mind and don't be afraid to try new things." Chris join the military Gerard, a KBIC member, was born and raised in and some of you Baraga County and graduated from Baraga High will jump right into School in 1996. He attended Lake Superior State Unithe 'real world' versity and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in and join the work- Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement. Gerard was inforce. No matter volved with athletics in high school and was a student

### **Tribal Council Members:**

Warren C. Swartz Jr., President Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President **Toni Minton, Secretary** 

William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary

Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer Larry J. Denomie III, CEO

**Doreen Blaker** 

Elizabeth D. Mayo Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.

Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews

**Jerry Lee Curtis** 

Frederick Dakota



### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- June 7, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- Senior Banquet, KBIC Graduates
- Dakota New Dean of Students Services—KBOCC
- Ojibwa Housing Authority News
- **KBIC Participates in Eco**nomic Development Assessment and Market Analysis
- **New Employees**
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- **Ojibwemowin**



President Warren (Chris) Swartz Jr., as he presented the Council address at the Senior Banquet.

### June 7, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on June 7, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. Council approved the Department Head reports for April 2008 and meeting minutes of October 27, 2005, and November 4, 2005.

Doreen Blaker addressed those present to clarify some incorrect information that was recently mailed to individual's homes in the form of an unsigned anonymous document that is not affiliated with the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Government by any means. This document criticized the Tribal Council Recording Secretary, Peggy Minton, indicating that her work on minutes was lax. The truth is that Peggy does a wonderful job on her minutes which are completed in a very timely fashion (within weeks). The minutes that have been approved from 2005 are minutes which were the responsibility of an employee that is no longer employed by The CEO's Secretary, Janice KBIC. Halverson, has volunteered to work on the 2005 minutes. Janice was not even employed when these meetings were held, and she is doing a good job transcribing them. If these people, who choose not to sign their mailings, choose to attack the Council that is one thing, but they should leave our employees out of it. Additionally, those anonymous mailings aren't getting the facts right and (the writer's) must be listening to individuals who do not know what they are talking about and evidently don't attend the meetings. Please do not listen to these blatant lies.

Michael LaFernier Sr. wished to thank the community members who cleaned up the reservation, including the youth club and community service workers. The Assinins and Pinery Cemeteries looked very nice for Memorial Day.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. During the month of May, President Swartz participated in several meetings and conference calls regarding hunting and fishing rights, Bills on Capitol Hill, how to maximize the native vote in the upcoming election, Tribal ID Cards, land and natural resources, and tribal education. Regarding hunting and fishing rights, President Swartz attended a VOIGT task force and a Board of Commissioners meeting with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission where he told both boards that we need to continue to move forward our law here in KB regarding home territory. The GLIFWC Board promised we would schedule a meeting to discuss home territory issues. Lake Superior Bands who are interested include Bad River, Mole Lake, Lac Du Flambeau and Lac Vieux Desert.

The purpose of the Tribal Government Revenue Sharing Act's bill is to use tribal tax withholding contributions paid to the federal government by successful gaming tribes to help meet the needs of needy tribes. Under the present law gaming per capita payments are treated as individual income and are taxed at the prevailing personal income tax rate. Tax revenues received by the IRS are then deposited into the U.S. Treasury for use by the United States Government. Many of the tribes that are the poorest are unfortunately not able to generate significant gaming revenue. It would further the purposes of the Federal Indian Self-determination Policy and IGRA to dedicate the federal tax revenues levied upon Indian gaming per capita payments to a treasury fund for tribal education, health care, economic development and infrastructure for the

tribal governments in need of assistance. The Tribal Government Revenue Sharing Act would authorize the Secretary of Interior to establish a system for distribution of funds from the tribal gaming revenue sharing fund.

Federal spending makes up the core of the federal trust responsibility to Indian Country and once again one of the goals for the 110<sup>fh</sup> Congress is to increase appropriations to tribes. For more than a decade, federal spending for tribes has declined in most departments. The programs at the heart of the self-determination and self-governance policies, like TPA and contract support costs, have failed to keep up with inflation, and given some of the major reductions in the 90's, TPA is below the FY 1994 level. Although Congress may not finish appropriations this year, they are still laying out priorities. President Swartz urges Tribal members to voice support for increased appropriations to tribes, especially with the Chairs of Appropriations Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittees (Rep. Mollohan and Senator Mikulski), Agriculture Subcommittees (Rep. DeLauro and Senator Kohl), Interior Subcommittees (Rep. Dicks and Senator Feinstein), Labor-HHS (Rep. Obey and Senator Harkin).

Regarding IRS Audits of Tribal Benefit Plans; over the past two years, the IRS has initiated 139 audits that focus specifically on the use of tribal net gaming revenues to provide benefits to tribal members. In a letter to the Senate Finance Committee, the IRS has identified tribal benefit programs "problematic tax avoidance schemes." Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, gaming proceeds may be used for several authorized purposes, including the funding of tribal government operations, the general welfare of the tribe, and per capita payments to tribal members. The KBIC has a long history of sponsoring general welfare programs, such as housing assistance, educational assistance, health coverage and death benefit programs to name a few. These programs were introduced to address the harsh conditions resulting from decades of poverty and as general welfare programs should not be subject to federal tax.

Regarding the Tobacco Tax Legislation; there are several major bills under consideration in Congress that will significantly affect the taxation and regulation of tobacco sales. Each of the following bills is seeing significant movement in Congress. Each is intended to generally regulate tobacco sales and contain both specific tribal provisions and general provisions that will apply to tribes. President Swartz encourages tribal members and representatives to review this legislation and consider how it may affect tribal interests. 1) The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (S. 625 and H.R. 1108) would give the Food and Drug Administration broad authority to regulate the sale, advertising and manufacture of tobacco products and to enforce state taxation of tobacco under the Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act. The legislation contemplates that the FDA may contract with states for enforcement. KBIC should request provisions that would protect tribal jurisdiction from federal delegation to states and object to a broad expansion of state enforcement powers. 2) The Smuggled Tobacco Prevention Act (H.R. 5689) would amend the Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act to establish a system for requiring codes on packages of tobacco products for tracing tax collection through the distribution system. Manufacturers would be required to print a unique serial number on all packages of tobacco. The bill would also require "Each package of a tobacco product that is sold on an Indian Reservation...shall be visibly and prominently labeled as such." 3) Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act (S. 1027 and H.R. 4081) has been reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and is pending in the House Judiciary Committee. It is largely

aimed at requiring Internet sellers of cigarettes to comply with the state tax and age verification laws of the jurisdiction where the cigarettes are delivered.

President Swartz spoke of the Native Vote. It's that time again! 2008 is an election year, and together we need to make sure our voices are heard. When we unify, our voices are loud and strong. Native Vote 2008 is Indian Country's combined national non-partisan get-outthe-vote campaign. The goal of Native Vote is to encourage everyone in our community to register to vote and to get-out-to-vote on Election Day. To facilitate these efforts. President Swartz indicated that he has appointed Carole LaPointe as the Native Vote Coordinator for our Tribe. She will be the point of contact for the campaign and will help encourage local efforts to get the Native community registered to vote, educating them about all elections and candidates, and ensuring they make it to the polls on November 4, 2008.

In regards to Health Care & Family, the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act (IHCIA) would modernize the Indian Health Services and has been up for reauthorization for seven years. The bill has provisions addressing mental health and continuum of care, and was developed by the National Steering committee with representation from each region. The passage of the IHCIA is one of Indian Country's top legislative priorities. It must still be passed out of the Ways and Means committee. President Swartz has been sending out a letter weekly to Speaker Pelosi's office telling her how important this bill is to our Tribe.

Gaming: On May 20, 2008, the Department of the Interior released final "Section 20" rules governing gaming on "lands acquired after 1988." Assistant Secretary Carl Artman approved the regulations earlier last month. The Indian Gaming regulatory Act allows for gaming on lands acquired after 1988 under special exceptions, and the new rules clarify these exemptions.

Housing: As of May 23, 2008, NAHASDA has passed both the House and the Senate. The bills are slightly different and these differences will have to be reconciled in a "Conference" between the House and the Senate.

Tribal ID's and Domestic Flights (TSA): The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced on April 28th it will officially accept Tribal Government ID cards as identification for domestic flights. Tribal ID cards are not accepted for international flights. Use tribal ID cards with TSA when flying within the United States. Tribal IDs and Border Crossing: All Tribal ID cards (with a photo) will be accepted for international land border crossing until June 2009. After June 2009, each Tribe must have an MOU with DHS for their ID card to be acceptable for international land border cross-President Swartz will be attending a Michigan United Tribes Meeting and plans on discussing this further at that meeting.

Mining: On behalf of the Community, President Swartz submitted an emergency resolution to the full Executive Committee of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) on June 2, 2008. NCAI Resolution # REN-08-036, "Support for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of its Opposition to the Proposed Sulfide Metallic Mineral Mine proposed by Kennecott Eagle Minerals company (KEMC), in the Traditional Lands of the Community which were Ceded to the Government through the Treaty of 1842", passed with unanimous consent at the 2008 NCAI Mid-Year Conference and Tradeshow.

President Swartz reported that we have just learned that former Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) employee Pat Devlin has filed a lawsuit against Attorney General Mike Cox seeking enforcement of state liquor licensing laws against the tribes. President Swartz will report as more information comes in.

A discussion occurred regarding a problem which occurred last weekend. The Baraga Fire Department purchased a Liquor License for the Mud Drag which was held behind the Casino. Two distributors refused to supply the BFD with alcohol products and stated that they were told that KBIC's Liquor License was not valid. President Swartz was instructed to call these two suppliers to find out why they would not honor the KBIC Liquor License as they have in the past.

Susan LaFernier, Vice President, stated she has completed the final draft of the personnel policies, and it is with the Attorney's Office. Regarding the Appellate Court, Vice President LaFernier stated she has two Judges from other reservations who have accepted an offer of presiding on KBIC's Appellate Court. According to the Resolution, the third Judge needs to be a lawyer. She believes that she has one who will be accepting the offer and is expecting to hear from the lawyer in the next week. She will keep everyone informed.

Larry Denomie III, CEO, gave a report for May 2008. In an effort to step forward with the new wage system, the Council approved moving employees onto the new grid through grade six. Both the Enterprise and Government Personnel Departments are working on the necessary paperwork to complete the task. A memo to update employees will be processed in the next week. The grant application for the new Early Childhood Education Center is progressing. Staff has met several times to aid in developing a layout and design plan, and Gundlach Champion staff is providing assistance and will be completing the architectural design phase as well as construction management should the project be funded. Carole LaPointe has accepted the Health Administration position and began her duties on June 2nd. Also thank you to the staff who stepped forward in a time of need to aid in the interim plan. Cherie Dakota, the former Health Administrator, has accepted a position with KBOCC as their Dean of Student Services, and we wish her well in her new position. Tyler Larson has accepted an interim position as the Youth Programs and Facility Coordinator which Carole LaPointe previously held. This position has been posted. Applications have been submitted and will be reviewed with interviews to be scheduled. On May 10th, CEO Denomie and Treasurer Misegan traveled to Las Vegas to attend a conference on Tribal Casino and Hotel Development. The conference covered areas related to financing, design and construction. The information gathered and presented will be very useful and will aid in the projects the Community is involved in, and will be shared with Council and our new Economic Developer, Gregg Nominelli.

In an effort to continue forward with the Leadership Academy Training attended by supervisors and managers of the Tribe, meetings with the General Managers took place. A review was conducted of the presentations made by the attendees and the General Managers will meet with their staff to decide what areas can be acted upon. On the Government side, a department head meeting has been scheduled for June 25. The trainer, Joe Constance, will be meeting with Council in July to review information and provide a report. On May 19th, CEO Denomie attended an Indian Health Services consultation meeting with Becky Tussing (Interim Health Administrator at that time). The consultation was to acquire input from Tribes regarding a recent court decision in the State of California. The case held that IHS could not prohibit the Susanville Indian Rancheria Tribe from billing its members for pharmacy services provided by the Tribe's Title V Annual Funding Agreement. IHS has chosen not to appeal the district court decision but is evaluating potential policy and funding implications. The consultation was an opportunity to allow tribes to give comment prior to IHS making changes to current policy. IHS made it clear that their existing policy which prohibits tribes from charging eligible beneficiaries remains unchanged. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act reauthorization legislation S. 1200 recently passed by the Senate does not include provisions that would give Title V. Self-Governance Tribes, the option to bill their Tribal members for services received from their Tribal Health Program. The legislation is under consideration by the House, but it is not clear if the bill will be considered. Most of the tribes in attendance stated they wouldn't want to impede their ability to bill in the future if it becomes necessary, considering the constant under funding of their health programs. The Ojibwa Casino's Marketing Manager has submitted her resignation to move on to a new position with the State of Michigan. Michelle Schoth's last day will be June 13. General Managers have chosen Shelly Ball who currently works out of the Marquette Casino as the Interim Manager. The Ojibwa Resort Hotel Manager position is also under the interim direction of Sharon Kirchhofer. Mary Lou Jossens has accepted the position of Manager for the Tribe's new restaurant, the Migizi Wadiswan (Eagle's Nest). It is scheduled to open on June 16. A major power issue occurred on Thursday, June 5th. Due to the several power surges and brown out conditions, Dominic Picciano and his staff directed employees to shut down their power in an effort to lessen damages to computers, servers, and other equipment. After contacting the Village of Baraga to see how long it would take to rectify the electrical problems, it was decided to close many of the facilities which were affected by the power problems. The Casino remained open as they are able to run on a back up generator. Damage did occur to power relays, fuses, etc., and fortunately it appears no major damage resulted from the electrical problems of that day. Sarah Smith, Executive Assistant has reported to the Council (as an attachment to the CEO Report), on the Ojibwa Seniors renovation project. The seniors are back in operation, and the building is very nice. We all look forward to the open house. The Old US 41 Mission Road water main extension project is moving forward, and Council will be receiving documents to review in the near future.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of May 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and four special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on May 3, 2008, and is reported in the June 2008, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 8, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of March 14, 2008 and October 20, 2005; approved the Services Agreement with Orchid Cellmark for Paternity Testing Services for the Office of Child Support Services; approved Resolution KB1608-2008 Jerry Swartz Land Acquisition, Resolution KB1609-2008 Joyce Field Lease Modification from Recreational Lease to a Residential Lease, and Resolution KB1610-2008 Joe Kirkish Residential Lease; approved payment of HACCP Training in December in Brimley and that the Tribe will cover travel costs for Tribal members who wish to attend; agreed to send out a letter of no objection for the proposed water ski buoys that will be placed near First Sands; approved the bid of Midstate Security for digital surveillance equipment for both Casinos: approved the bid of All Purpose Dry Wall for the hotel lobby, hallway and conference room walls at the Ojibwa Resort; approved the agreement with Gundlach Champion for the ICDBG grant application for an Early Childhood Education Center; promoted Becky Tussing to Interim Health Director and approved the interim plan for staff and wages; approved the job description for a full time six month Temporary Health Department Secretary; and agreed to offer the Building Inspector

position to Joe Brazeau for a one year term. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 9, 2008: agreed to issue Government Employee Badges with a \$10 charge to be covered by the department that the employee works for; approved a donation of \$300 for Keith Rolof for his college trip to Estonia; approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Chuck Brumleve; motioned to have the President appoint committee members based on Council recommendations; and approved the employment contract of John Baker. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 15, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of October 20, 2005; approved the Liquor Licenses for the Baraga Fire Department Mud Drags and the UP Firemen's Tournament; approved Resolution KB1611-2008 to support the Grand Traverse Band's challenge to the IRS for tribal tax exempt bond financing; agreed to have President Swartz send a letter to Bart Stupak requesting continued support of our land into trust application; set the date of the July 2008 Regular Council Meeting to July 12; approved the Services Agreement between the KBIC and the Ojibwa Community College to provide Business Development Training for the Anishinaabe Anokii Program; overturned the termination of the employee in Grievance Hearing #003-08 and agreed to reinstate the employee effective 05/15/08; and agreed to offer the Health Administrator Position to Carole La-Pointe. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 28, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of March 20, and March 27, 2008; approved the Spring Cleanup Plan; approved a contract modification for the Sand Point Vegetation Planting Project in the amount of \$3313; approved the business license of David Denomie for Dash's Taxi; renewed the Keweenaw Bay Outfitters Fireworks License of Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline; renewed the business license of Timothy Mayo for All Purpose Drywall; amended the Burial Program guidelines to allow unused funeral expense funds be used for grave markers/headstones; agreed to an \$800 sponsorship and Casino packages for the Michigan Municipal League Region 7 meeting which is being hosted by the Village of Baraga on June 4-6; hired Agnes Hueckstaedt as the Interim Cook for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens; added a safety section to the personnel policies; approved resolution KB1613-2008 Baraga 2% Distribution and KB1614-008 Marquette 2% Distribution; approved May donations totaling \$5900; approved a storage shed for the USDA Office in the Industrial Park to be designed and built by Tribal Construction for up to \$2000; approved the New Day budget for funds 600, 615 and 08-20-231; agreed to adjust employees up to grade 6 to the new minimum wage approved by Council on 12/06/07.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2008. Council approved five of twelve requests for donations for May: Jessica Koski/Washington Internship for Native Students \$300, Relay for Life/Sponsorship for the team "Passionate about a Cure" \$5,000, Pittsley Racing/Stockcar Sponsorship/second car \$250, Lori & Bill Muhlig/Stockcar Sponsorship \$250, Richmond Township/20th Annual Fishing Derby \$100. This month the first of two yearly 2% distributions were made to local units of government per our 1993 consent judgment. The amount distributed for our Baraga Casino was \$133,437.06 and the Marquette amount was \$171,423.24. The calculation is based on the net win of class III gaming or slot machines. The breakdown is as follows:

### **BARAGA**

Baraga County \$33,961.87 Baraga School District \$40, 886.57 Baraga Township \$13,680.82 Baraga Village \$10,517.20 L'Anse School District \$20,406.53 L'Anse Township \$2,300.20 L'Anse Village \$1,683.87

Baraga County Road Commission \$10,000.00

### **MARQUETTE**

Charter Township of Chocolay \$70,000.00 Delta Co. Sheriff/UPSET \$10,000.00 West Branch Twp/Fitness & Community Center \$20,000.00 Forsyth Township Police Department \$26,000.00 Skandia Twp./UP Trails \$10,000.00 Marquette Area Public Schools/Title VII Native American Education \$6,050.00 City of Marquette/NMU Center for Native Amer. Studies \$3,942.80 County of Marquette \$25,430.44

Our 8% payments were also made this month which are pursuant to the 2000 Consent Judgment or stipulation that was entered into between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the State of Michigan in order to keep our Marquette Casino open. The Marguette amount was \$685,692.96. The amount for the Baraga Casino was \$533,748.27, however that amount was offset by \$36,789.72 for the vehicle use tax reimbursements. The amount that was sent to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation was \$496,958.55. Treasurer Misegan wished to thank Peggy Minton who assisted her while she was ill. Treasurer Misegan attended a conference call with our Economic Developer, Attorney John Baker, CEO Larry Denomie, and Asst. Secretary Gene Emery regarding a business proposal. Misegan also attended along with Larry Denomie the Tribal Casino & Hotel Development: Financing, Design and Construction Essentials conference which was held in Las Vegas on June 11-12. There were several excellent speakers and topics included: Understanding Feasibility Studies; Initial Design and the factors to consider; Breaking Ground to Ribbon Cutting, Knowing when and How to Expand as well as several others. Misegan stated, one of the most informative for her was "Financing Projects in a Tough Market: For New Construction, Expansion and Improvements." The panel of speakers included the General Counsel of the Navajo Nation, a Senior Vice President of Corporate Development for the Seneca Gaming Corporation, a Vice President of Wells Fargo Debt Capital Markets and a law partner in the firm Mayer Brown. A large part of the discussion was explaining how different it is to seek financing for large projects in today's economy. They touched on the need for Tribes to have a Uniform Commercial Code, how important it is for the Tribe's leadership to understand just what is going to be expected from them when they seek financing for large, multi-million dollar projects, how important it is to have stability in Tribal Government, the importance of having leaders and key employees who have clean backgrounds and to have a good relationship with the local & civic communities. stressed how the cost of capital has increased in the last six-eight months and how much more cautious banks and lending institutions have become. We learned that depending on economic conditions, feasibility studies are only applicable for 12 to 18 months, how important it is to know what amenities will work for your community, and how important it is to make sure that your operating systems within

your organization are functioning well before moving them to a new facility. Another very good session was "Where is the Future of Native American Gaming Headed?" This panel consisted of two attorneys who represent Tribes in California who were very involved at the inception of Tribal Gaming, as well as Jason Giles, General Counsel for the National Indian Gaming Association. We learned of several threats to gaming - from the media to pending legislation. Giles spoke of which presidential candidates that NIGA believes would be best for Tribes. The panel was very optimistic about the future of gaming even in these trouble economic times. Treasurer Misegan and CEO Denomie met with a representative from a design build company for a potential business opportunity for the Tribe. Misegan provided Council with a copy "Ten questions Tribal Council should ask before borrowing money". She also e-mailed council members copies of the power point presentations from the conference. Misegan also gave Council of Legislation at-aglance which contains information regarding several bills that are of financial interest to us and that we may be unaware of. The Tribal Government Equality Act of 2007(S.1129) which would allow Tribes to offer governmental retirement plans and the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act (H.R. 3413) which would exempt Tribes from being subject to the National Labor Relations Board. Treasurer Misegan concluded her report with a statement regarding the malicious edition of the Screaming Eagle or shall we say the Native Enquirer which has circulated the Community. "It is full of lies and fabrications. It is obviously written by people who don't attend meetings, who listen to rumors, who don't ask questions and don't want to see our Tribe change, grow and prosper. Thank you to those of you who do come to meetings, who are involved in our Tribe and who seek answers when you have questions." If anyone has any questions for her, or comments or suggestions, please feel free to give her a call or stop in the Enrollment Office.

Dale Schmeisser, RD, sought approval to share the data collected from the Women of Wellness Program with Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. He indicated it would remain personally confidential and no individual's personal data would be identified or shared. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to share the results from the Women Of Wellness program with GLITC, who wish to publish results, and for Dale Schmeisser to be authorized to share the results at the IHS meeting to be held in Portland, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, ten supported, 0 opposed, one abstained (M. LaFernier Sr.), motion carried.

Larry Denomie brought forth a request to amend the Tribal Court's jail fees motion. Current motion states that fees are to be assessed for consecutive days stayed at the jail at \$35 for each of the first two days and \$10 for every night thereafter. It is proposed that when an individual is sentenced to serving weekends (which is usually due to their employment) that it be considered as consecutive days for fees assessed on them. Motion by Larry Denomie to amend the original motion regarding jail fees assessed to include individuals who are serving weekends on a sentence are to be considered as consecutive days in regards to the fees assessed, retroactive to 10/25/07, supported by Jennifer Misegan, ten supported, 0 opposed, one abstained (Dakota), motion carried.

Eddy Edwards of Ojibwa Housing Authority (OHA) requested approval of the Council to submit to HUD the FY2008 Indian Housing Plan—Housing's Block Grant. It is a document/budget of how OHA plans to appropriate the dollars they are awarded in the Block Grant. Motion by Fred Dakota to authorize the Tribal President to sign the OHA's 2008 Indian Housing Plan Block Grant as submitted, supported by William "Gene" Em-

ery , eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards gave an update of some of the opportunities OHA has available to the community. One of which is the eleven mobile homes housing will be receiving from FEMA. Applications were received, reviewed and eleven individuals have been approved to receive one of the eleven units with specific conditions of having a site that has water/sewer/ electricity readily available and prepared for the delivery. These mobile homes are new two-three bedroom units that are completely furnished. The cost associated to transfer each mobile home from the South, and to bring each unit up to code (roofing), and final placement will be transferred to each of the eleven approved tribal members who will be receiving the mobile homes. In a sense, each home will cost roughly in the area of \$20,000, which the tribal member will be required to secure financing for prior to closing. Each of these individuals has been informed to contact Jason Ayres at the KBIC's realty office for available lease land. In regards to the new Bear Town Housing Division, specific grant conditions require sites be utilized for new home construction which means that manufactured homes are not acceptable on these lots. Another program that OHA is offering a low cost loan based on the federal funds rate, which is currently 2%, in which individuals may apply for home improvements. Loan applications can be requested up to \$20,000 with up to ten years for repayment at a low interest rate of 2%. Conditions include creditworthiness status and the purchases must be made from, or the contractor must be, an Indian owned business. If anyone is interested in any of these opportunities and for more information, they should contact Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko at OHA, 524-5514.

Chief of Police, Dale Dakota, sought approval of Resolution KB1615-2008 COPS grant. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) have announced FY 2008 funding availability of Federally-reorganized Indian Tribes with established Tribal Police Departments, under the Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP), to address the Department of Justice's goal of assisting Tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence. TRGP grants are provided directly to Tribal law enforcement agencies for items reflecting the Tribe's most serious law enforcement needs that are not already budgeted through state, local, Tribal or BIA funding, for law enforcement training, uniforms, standard issue equipment, department-wide technology and police vehicles linked to the implementation or enhancement of community policing efforts. The KBIC Tribal Police Department is eligible to apply for TRGP funding in the Federal share amount of up to \$200,000 for community policing requests with no matching requirement. Chief Dakota indicated that he would submit the proposed budget early next week. The COPS Grant is due the week of 06-09-2008. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve Resolution KB-1615-2008 COPS Grant, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

A presentation on the KB Beartown Firefighter Program was presented in the form of a power point presentation to Council by Doreen Blaker, George DeCota and Charlie Gauthier. The program has grown quite rapidly and does employ some 30+ community members at times, who assist with fighting wildfire throughout the United States. One draw back that the program has is lack of transportation which limits their ability on being called out more often. Their crews waste a lot of time waiting for transportation. The group suggests purchasing two E350 vans and one F350 4X4 truck. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with their needs and to seek bids.

Jennifer Misegan sought approval for a direct deposit system for the Ojibwa Enterprises employees which will assist our enterprise employees with traveling for paychecks; more so in the Marquette/Harvey area. Motion by Larry Denomie to move forward with a direct deposit system for the enterprise employees, supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion

Larry Denomie requested a date be set for an Employee Grievance Hearing; which was scheduled for June 26.

Larry Denomie brought forth an EPA Grant Application for a Transfer Station Project. The grant is for one-half million with no match. Denomie stated the transfer station could be housed in the industrial park. The project would likely employ up to six community members if funded. Approval of this grant application was done by an e-mail consensus due to time constraints.

Larry Denomie asked Council to create a Tribal Energy Committee, which could include community representatives as well as community members. Council agreed to put this on the agenda for June 13.

Attorney John Baker presented an application for a new business license on behalf of Todd Chosa—Chosa Electric, LLC Motion by Larry Denomie to approve the business license of Todd Chosa for Chosa Electric, but to talk with Todd Chosa regarding the LLC status tax issues first, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Attorney John Baker recommended that a business license for Dan Alexander-Alexander's Fresh Fish be denied at this time due to the clause in the Ojibwa Housing lease. Motion by Larry Denomie to deny the license for Alexander's Fresh Fish until an alternate location for the business to be housed is located due to regulations within OHA, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., nine supported, one opposed (Matthews), one abstained (Misegan), one absent (Mayo), motion carried.

Fred Dakota presented a letter from the Pelkie Fire Department requesting funding for a new truck. Jennifer Misegan indicated that she would call them regarding the 2% requirements and the request will be considered at the next donation meeting.

Council moved into closed business with Attorney Baker, Treasurer Misegan, President Swartz and CEO Denomie on the agenda.

After closed session Jennifer Misegan motioned to increase the Larry Asher Emergency Fund by \$25,000, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, ten supported, one absent (Mayo), motion carried.

### **KBIC PARTICIPATES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT AND MARKET ANALYSIS**

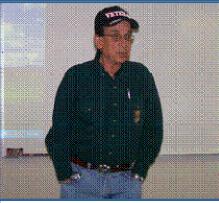
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the Opening Session of the Economic Development Conference, June 9.

cil members, committee members, and commumemnity bers participated in an Economic Development Fred Dakota, Tribal Council member at Assessment and Market Analysis fa-

cilitated by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Community Capacity Development Office and Indian Economic Development Initiatives partners. An open session held on Monday morning, June 9, explained the purpose of the Economic Development Assessment and Market Analysis which became apparent that information would be gathered

and assessed to identify steps to work towards further strengthening our economic development efforts. Fred Dakota, council member, gave a history of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community at the opening session. Fred Dakota has held a seat on the Tribal Council for approximately 36 years and for many of these years he held the seat of Tribal Chairman. Dakota spoke of the three treaties which affiliate the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and he spoke particularly of the 1954 treaty which created this reservation and gave us the right to hunt and fish. The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 gave us the right to self govern; the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community formed a constitution in 1936.

The assessment team consists of Mark Roscoe of DOJ, Norena Henry of DOJ, Tracey Fisher of Oweesta, Bill Guevara of Oweesta, Kellie Jewett of Oweesta, Dr. Ted Jojola of UNM and ASU, Ed Gilliland of IEDC, Swati A. Ghosh of IEDC, and Carrie Ridgeway of IEDC, who are focusing in the areas of legal infrastructure, economic development assessment, indigenous planning and community development financial institutions. At the wrap up session held on Friday, June 13, preliminary strengths were identified as: Public Management - separation of some tribally-owned businesses from tribal government, success in several new business ventures, stable and effective tribal governance structures (staggered terms with council and judges, and judges being elected officials), tribal government undertook a strategic planning effort; Social/Community/Public Health - strong sense of community and values; small percentage of violent crime. Education/Youth - presence of tribal community college; vocational training opportunities for both youth and adult (welding); having proximity to regional universities and technical colleges. Workforce – business driven regional industrial alliance focused on improving workforce skills. Legal Infrastructure - separation of court from legislature; extent of tribal court maturity. Land/ Physical Infrastructure - waterfront green space; readily available land and buildings for development in Tribal industrial park; working with EPA and USDA to restore brownfield sites along waterfront; pristine environment particularly near the waterfront; little blight in housing; maintaining older housing stock. Economy - gaming industry revenues; natural resources, lakes, etc.; competitive tax incentives on tribal land; growth in manufacturing; some resources and programs for small business development & entrepreneurship; access to university and tribal community colleges; proximity to smartzones and two incubators; wired for telecommunications. Challenges were identified as: Pubic Management – lack of separation of tribal governance and business development; strategic plan (lacks community awareness, has a weak economic development component), lack of reliable data (demographic, labor, real estate), limited linkages with other Ojibwe tribes. Land/Physical Infrastructure – no town center and identity in Baraga, scattered development throughout reservation, limited land use planning coordination (for tribal lands, between tribal lands and Village of Baraga), presence of brownfields, lack of transportation infrastructure, remote location with limited transportation access, weak linkages between land use and transportation/infrastructure planning. Social/ Community/Public Health - community is concerned about prescription drugs and alcohol abuse for adults and youth, teen pregnancy, break-ins of I elder's homes, lack of provisions and services for IHACCP training certification is required to obtain a ment; barriers in terms of business attraction is lack of commercial code; lack of marketing/branding of industrial park: limited destination attractions: limited, but increasing, cases of Tribal member owned businesses; limited mentoring opportunities for entrepreneurs; lack of financial literacy; limited communication between tribe and external entities: Casino lacks visibility from highway 41. Education/ Youth – no formal relationship between Tribal College and Michigan Tech; lack of non-profit youth organizations; limited youth activities; limited youth involvement for programming. Workforce – limited participation of tribal members with local manufacturing; lack of appropriate and on-going training around staff development; brain drain; lack of management skills; job readiness issues; limited technical skills of local workforce. Legal Infrastructure lack of commercial and corporate codes; haphazard licensing system (limited regulations or sanctions). Opportunities were identified as: Strategic plan forms a basis to coalesce; potential industries (tourism/hospitality, renewable energy/biomass (wind), destination attractions, value-added manu-

facturing, construction); tourism & hospitality poten-

tial (combine entertainment, dining, cultural, and recreation options with gaming destination, attraction of waterfront); reinvigorate Ojibwe history and culture awareness in business development; trade & tourism opportunities with Canada; basis to expand trade network among Great Lakes Tribes; higher fuel prices leading to greater reliance on ship and rail; more youth participation; industrial land in Marquette; financial literacy training; technical assistance resources for small business development; management training for all Tribal members; distance learning /online courses at tribal community college. Threats identified were: national economy and rising gas prices - could affect tourism; potential for receding lake; long term viability of gaming as economic development strategy; young people are drawn away from reservation; regulatory delays by BIA on trust status for airport property; aging demographics; environmental pollution by potential mining operations; further reduction in fishing supply.

The assessment team will continue with the data collection and analysis. The recommendations will be presented by the team on August 14.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON **INDIAN RESERVATIONS**

**NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA** (Effective October 1, 2007)

	48 Contiguous United States	<u>Alaska</u>
Household Size	Income Limits	Income Limits
I	\$ 985	\$1,294
2	\$1,275	\$1,656
3	\$1,565	\$2,019
4	\$1,864	\$2,381
5	\$2,178	\$2,744
6	\$2,492	\$3,116
7	\$2,782	\$3,479
8	\$3,072	\$3,841
Each additional member	+ \$290	+ \$363

Computation of Income Eligibility Standards - The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and standard deduction amounts used for the appropriate

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is \$200 for dependent children under two years of age, and \$175 for all other dependents.

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid

\* Can not be on foodstamps.

### AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP 3-Day Training Course

ex-offenders. Economy - high rate of unemploy- | Keweenaw Bay Indian Community commercial | fishing license. There will be a certification course offered in Brimley, Michigan, during December 2008. Registration fee is \$90. A course agenda may be obtained at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Licensing Office or Natural Resource Department. Registration and travel costs will be paid for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal members who wish to attend this training, through I prior arrangement.

### **Course Information**

Date: December 9-11, 2008 I Times: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily Location: Bay Mills Community College – Migizi Hall, 12214 W. Lakeshore Drive

Brimley, Michigan

### For registration please contact:

Ronald Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University, (906) 226-3687. For more information please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.

assistant coach for the men's basketball program at LSSU. After college, Gerard accepted a position with a private investigation company in Grand Rapids, working on insurance fraud. He then attended Northern Michigan University Regional Police Academy and graduated in 2002. After graduating from the police academy, Gerard accepted a position with the Meridian Police Department where he served for five years. He was assigned to the road patrol and eventually the Community Relations/ School Resource Unit. He also served as a defensive tactics instructor and hiring/background investigator for the Meridian Police Department. Chris Gerard recently accepted the Weed and Seed Coordinator position offered to him by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The Weed and Seed Program, a community based strategy sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice is an innovative, comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization. The strategy involves a two pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors who cooperate in "weeding out" violent criminals and drug abusers and public agencies and community based private organizations collaborate to "seed" much needed human services, prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood restoration programs.

At the conclusion of the evenings event, Terri Denomie presented the scholarship awards for 2008. The KBIC Education Department offers two \$1000 Scholarship for their graduates. This year the Baraga Scholarship was awarded to Courtney Swartz, and the L'Anse Scholarship was awarded to Jessica Picard. The Dawn Louise Denomie Memorial Scholarship, on behalf of the Denomie family, was awarded to Clarissa Duschaine.

Members of the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee are: Terri Denomie (Chairman), Lynn Haataja (Vice Chairman), William Seppanen Sr. (Secretary), Dawn Alexander, Vicki Emery, Charles Loonsfoot Jr., and Robin Roe. Tribal Education staff are: Amy St. Arnold (Education Director), Peggy Dunn (L'Anse Tutor), Helen Jondreau (Baraga Tutor), Beth Dix (L'Anse Tutor), Mike Duschene (Baraga Tutor), Ty Curtis (Baraga Tutor). (Continues next column)



Agatha Cardinal (right), Title IV, Baraga's Native American Home/School Coordinator, was honored for her 12 years of service at this year's banquet. Mrs. Cardinal retired at the end of this school year. Terri Denomie (left) Tribal Education Committee Chairman presented Agatha with a Certificate/gift.



Ronald Spruce, Vice President of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens presents graduates with certificates/gifts on behalf of the Ojibwa Seniors.



(Left to right) Cody Blue, Diane Charron and Toni Minton presents graduates with certificates/gifts on behalf of the KBIC Cultural Committee.

KBIC YOUTH SOCCER STARTS JULY 12 and will be held on Saturdays from 10-noon at the field outside the College. It's for kids of all ages in the area that are interested to learn and play soccer. We requiring a \$5 fee for Tshirts. There is a sign up sheet at the Niiwin-Akeaa Center, near the Youth Director's office. Please call Coach Jerry Jondreau at 353-8894 or Youth Director Tyler Larson at 353-4643.



(Left to right) Robin Roe, L'Anse Scholarship recipient—Jessica Picard, Baraga Scholarship recipient—Courtney Swartz, and Terri Denomie.



(Left to right) On behalf of the Denomie Family, Lauri Denomie, Clarissa Duschaine (Dawn Louise Denomie Memorial Scholarship recipient) and Terri Denomie.

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! Baraga Area Schools



C L A R I S S A DUSCHAINE— is the daughter of Darlene and Robert Duschaine. While in high school, she was on the Honor Roll numerous times and participated in the following activities: Yearbook for three years; Student Council, High School Bowl, High-Five Mentoring, and Camp Nesbitt counselor each for

one year. She was a Daily Mining Gazette Student of the Week. She is currently working for the BHK Great Explorations after-school program. Her interests include bowling, movies, scrapbooking and being with friends. She will be attending Lake Superior State University this fall majoring in Elementary Education.



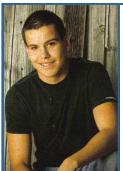
ZACHARY
GOUGEON— is
the son of Dianne
Gougeon. While
in high school he
completed four
years of football
and golf; coached
Flag football for

two years and participated in the Adopt-A-Highway Program with the Baraga football team. He also maintained a 3.00 grade point average. He has been employed with the KBIC Summer Youth Program for several years. His interests include fishing, golfing, and spending time with friends and family. He will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall and is undecided on his major at this time.



courtney swartz — is the daughter of Julie Maki and Lawrence Swartz. She has been on the Honor Roll and received an academic letter in her senior year. She participated in the High Five Mentoring Program, yearbook, student council, basketball, Leadership and Resilience Program and

was a Daily Mining Gazette student of the week. She was selected to attend the American Indian Science and Engineering Conference. At graduation, she won the first Administrator's Award of Merit. She is currently working at Bayshore BP. Her interests include hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and four-wheeling. She plans on attending Western Michigan University this fall majoring in pre-med.



CHRISTOPHER LOONS-FOOT— is the son of Angela Loonsfoot and Alden Connor Jr. He has been employed by Ojibwa Builders since February and will continue working there until he goes to college. His hobbies include baseball, basketball, lifting weights, tinting windows and spending time with friends and family.

He will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Building Technology.



### ALEXANDER TILSON -

is the son of Allison Hiettiko and Tim Tilson. He has been on the Honor Roll throughout high school and received the Tribal Perfect Attendance award numerous times. He received an academic letter and an award for perfect attendance from his principal. His artwork has been selected to appear in local art shows.

Along with another student, he completely redesigned the Baraga Area Schools website. His interests include drawing, reading, computers, movies and music. He plans to work this summer and will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall. He is interested in Art and Computers and may try for a career in one of those fields.

### L'Anse Area Schools



MITCHELL DURANT
— is the son of Peggy
Dunn and Leo Durant. He
participated in Middle
School Art Club, Band for
five years, High Five
Mentoring and was a
Teacher's Aid. He has
worked for the KBIC
Summer Youth Work Program. His hobbies are

video games and music. He plans to seek employment and to attend college sometime in the future.



JAREN FORCIA — is the son of Colleen Morin and Leslie Forcia. During his school years, he participated in JV Basketball and Football. He was a member of the KBIC Youth Club and the Rez Runners basketball team. He has worked for the KBIC Sum-

mer Youth program. His interests are fishing and hunting. He plans to look for work after graduation.



JOSEPH JOSSENS — is the son of Mary Lou Jossens. His extracurricular activities included JV and Varsity Basketball and JV and Varsity football. He was a member of the KBIC Youth Club and the Rez Runners basketball team. He has been employed by the KBIC Summer

Youth Program, and his hobbies are basketball and listening to music. His future plans are undecided at this time.



STACEY ROLOF — is the daughter of Jean Swartz and Bill Rolof. She previously attended school in Glen Carbon, Illinois, where she consistently placed on the Honor Roll. In L'Anse, her favorite classes were English and Economics. During high school, she continued to earn Honor Roll status many times. Stacey is currently em-

ployed at Pat's IGA. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall but has not decided what her major will be at this time.

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JESSICA PICARD — is the daughter of Rose Picard and Rodney Rajacic. Her school activities included basketball, golf, teacher's aide and High Five Mentoring. She has had Perfect Attendance and has been on the Honor Roll numerous times. She was one of a few students selected to be a Copper County Teen, and she was chosen to attend

the American Indian Science and Engineering Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona. She worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for four years and was placed at KBIC Daycare, the Pow-Wow grounds, Linna's, and the Tribal Accounting Department. Her hobbies are hunting, fishing, golfing, softball and going to the beach with her family. Her future plans are to attend Northern Michigan University to become a veterinarian.

### <u>L'Anse/Baraga</u> Community Schools

**CHEYENNE CREBESSA** – is the daughter of Sandy and Jerry Crebessa. In high school she participated in volleyball for 3 years and was on the Honor Roll. Her hobbies include swimming, hunting and being with friends. She also enjoys

after school activities such as 4-H and the Finlandia University Upward Bound Program. After graduation she plans to attend North-



ern Michigan University and major in pre-law. Post college she will begin her journey and her dream of becoming a District Attorney.



GEORGE GAUTHIER — is the son of Joan and Leroy Gauthier. He has six children – Justin, Jamie, Leroy, Rebecca, Kyle and Tristan. He works for Drift and Sons Contracting. He enjoys spending time with his children, family and friends and going to con-

test and traditional pow-wows. When he travels, he sings for the Little Otter Singers and at home his drum group is the Woodland Singers. His plans are to continue working and to watch his children grow, learn and live life.



CHARLOTTE LOONS-FOOT— is the daughter of Dawn and Dan Alexander. She participated in the Child Care Program at BHK and volunteered for fundraisers for this program. Her interests include reading, computers and outdoor activities. She worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for three years and was placed at the Youth

Center, Ojibwa Housing and Ojibwa Community College. She plans to attend Northern Michigan University and is considering majoring in Criminal Justice.



OLIVIA RAJACIC — is the daughter of Bonnie Huhtasaari and Greg Geroux. She is also the wife of Robert Rajacic and mother of Addyson Rajacic. She attended L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools and was on the Honor Roll. Olivia will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall, majoring in Pre-Law. Af-

ter graduation, she plans to attend law school and work as a criminal attorney.





TRAVIS RAJACIC — is the son of Darlene Genschow and Alan Rajacic. His interests include basketball and working on cars and houses. He plans to seek employment for a year and then move to Marquette in order to attend college. He would like to study auto service

technology and car repair.



SHEENA FRIISVALL — is the daughter of Dianne Waara and Dale Friisvall. She attended L'Anse-Baraga Alternative School for two years. She enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews and the outdoors. Her

future plans are to attend classes at Ojibwa Community College this fall and to pursue her dream to become a massage therapist.



**TOM PAQUIN** — is the son of Pamela Loonsfoot and Thomas Paquin, Sr. He currently resides in Baraga. He plans to enlist in the armed services after graduation but has not decided which

branch he would like to enter.



LORYSSA WIIDEMAN — is the daughter of Janet Franti and Edward Wiideman. While in school she participated in volleyball. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She was employed by the KBIC Summer

Youth Program and was placed at Ojibwa Community College. She plans on attending college and will major in cosmetology.

### KIRKISH SELECTED FOR MICUP



The Michigan Technological University's MICUP (Michigan College and University Partnerships) program was designed to assist community college students transfer to four-year institutions to earn baccalaureate degrees. MICUP is a seven-week summer program that addresses the opportunities and challenges.

faced by bachelor degree-seeking students. This year, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College student Gerald (Joe) Kirkish has been selected as one of the participants for the MICUP program. Joe is currently enrolled in a three credit hour MTU course which includes an undergraduate research internship. Joe's research project involves developing a natural wood stain out of fungus for commercial use. KBOCC would like to congratulate Joe Kirkish on his innovative project and achievements in the MICUP program.

### **AABINOOJIIYENS**

Introducing Anung Tilson, born 05/18/2008, to Summer Cohen and Tim Tilson. Anung was 9 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 ½ inches at birth.



### The Education Department is pleased to announce the following five KBIC college graduates for the 2007-08 academic year:

- Danielle Arens, Certificate, Gogebic Community College, LPN
- Amy Monville, Associate in Arts Degree, Alpena Community College, Business
- Elizabeth Jaukkuri, Bachelor of Arts Degree, Finlandia University, Human Services
- Tyler Larson, Bachelor of Science Degree, Northern Michigan University, Criminal Justice
- Peter Shelafoe, Bachelor of Social Work Degree, Northern Michigan University

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

### DAKOTA NEW DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES

Cherie Dakota began working for Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College May 12<sup>th</sup> as the Dean of Student Services. "In the past, the responsibilities Student



Services have been incorporated into a few different job descriptions at KBOCC. As Dean of Student Services, I will be coordinating and developing the Student Services department a bit more." Services include: student advising and counseling; assisting with career interest surveys and job searches; providing assistance to alleviate barriers to class attendance; promoting involvement in and supporting student government and student organizations; setting up and providing tutoring; teaching study skills; setting up partnerships with other educational institutions; etc.

As Dean of Student Services, Dakota will also oversee recruitment, admissions, enrollment, financial aid, and student organizations. "We're planning on attending many of the summer events in Baraga County and surrounding counties to get the KBOCC name out there and inform people of what courses and programs are available right now, so stop by the college booth & see us. The fall 2008 class schedule is already out. If you don't get a chance to see us at an event, please feel free to contact me @ (906) 353-4628 or at <a href="mailto:cda-kota@kbocc.org">cda-kota@kbocc.org</a>. You can also visit the college website at <a href="mailto:www.kbocc.org">www.kbocc.org</a>, or stop in at the main building for more information."

### KBIC EVEN START

Family Literacy Program ENROLL NOW!

Earn your GED or High School Diploma

Early Childhood Programs for children Improve parenting skills Incentives for participation Transportation and childcare available

Even Start is **free** to all Tribal and Non-Tribal members in Baraga County who are expecting a baby or have children under the age of eight.

Call 353-8161 to register
KBIC EVEN START

755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908

### 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay

July 25 - 27, 2008 Maawanji'iding

To Honor our Public Service Providers

Ojibwa Campground ◊ Baraga, Michigan

Host Drum: Co-Host: **Buffalo Horse**Ojibwa, Minnesota

Co-Host:

Four Thunders

KBIC Ojibwa

Head Veteran Dancer: Jim St. Arnold - Ojibwa

Head Female Dancer:

Rebecca Genschow

KBIC Ojibwa

Head Male Dancer:

Lester Drift Memorial

Ojibwa

KBIC Princess: To be **Announced** the evening of July 25th

Youth Head Dancers:

Alden Connor Jr., Boise Forte, Ojibwa
Vanessa Beaver, KBIC, Ojibwa

Master of Ceremonies:

Ted Holappa, KBIC Ojibwa

Richard (Waubano) Awanohopay, Lac Du Flambeau Ojibwa

Arena Director: **Stan Spruce**, KBIC Ojibwa Asst. Arena Director: **Robert Rajacic**, KBIC Ojibwa Specials Arena Director: **George Gauthier**, KBIC Ojibwa



### **Special Events**

### Thursday:

Lighting of the Sacred Fire Grounds Blessing & Feast Basket Weaving Storytelling

### Friday:

Basket Weaving Storytelling Princess Crowning Honor Elders Special

### **Saturday:**

Fry Bread Championship
Head Dancer Special
Youth 2-Step Championship
Midnight 2-Step Championship
Drum Challenge
Veterans Special
Feast

Sunday:

Give away

### **Grand Entries:**

Friday - 7 pm Saturday - NOON & 7 pm Sunday - NOON

\$14,000 dollar drum-split-NO DRUM HOPPERS-Dancers paid daily

Admission: \$5.00 (5 and under free)

Illegal Drugs, Alcohol & Weapons

**Prohibited** 

Free Camping at the Ojibwa Campground with
Purchase of admission

Does not include Marina or Sand Point

ANIMALS must be on a leash at all

General Inquires Contact:

Artist & Vendor Info. Contact:

Marty Curtis, 906-524-4411

Tracy Emery, 906-353-7117

<u>ndtcmcc@up.net</u> <u>ter</u>

temery04@hotmail.com

### A Family Event open to the public: Everyone is Invited!

### FISHING/CAMPING WEEK AT PRE-PRIMARY



The week of June 9<sup>th</sup> Pre-Primary children participated in Fishing/ Camping Week. started out the week by setting up a tent for outside play with the children enjoying a snack of trail mix. The children enjoyed a field trip on Thursday to the lake where we made our own fishing poles and had a blast casting them into the water. Another field trip was held on Friday where nine children along with teachers Amber Houston, Nissa Morningstar, Becky Genschow and Lisa Denomie, and our two summer youth workers, Bethanne Cadeau and Angelica Bogda, traveled to the fish hatchery

in Pequaming. The Pre-Primary staff wish to thank the fish hatchery staff for doing a great job and showing our children and staff around.

Pre-Primary's summer is definitely going to be fun filled. A planting/gardening week is scheduled with a field trip to the KBIC Medical Center where their staff will be planting vegetables with us. Another fun event will be Fire Safety Week where the children will visit a local fire station and learn about safety around fire and fireworks.

### OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY—

In June, I had the opportunity to attend the Tribal College Library Institute in Bozeman, Montana. The Institute is held every year on the Campus of Montana State University. Montana State is the only University to offer a Masters degree in Native American Studies. This year the focus of the Institute was on Language; the United Nations declared 2008 as the Year of Languages. There were 43 colleges and universities represented from the United States and Canada. One of the quest speakers was Dr. Loriene Roy from Austin, Texas. Loriene is presently the President of the American Library Association (ALA). What made her visit so special to our group is she is an enrolled member of the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota and the first Native American to be elected President of ALA. She stands strong as an indigenous person, incorporating her cultural grounding as an Anishinabe woman. She is a professor in the School of Information at the University of Texas, Austin. A reminder: Our large print collection continues to grow. Stop in and check it out. The library has a DVD called THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER. It was donated by the American Library Association.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

### 2008 Michigan Native Vote Kick-Off

In 2004 Native Vote was spearheaded by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This was a groundbreaking non-partisan campaign to register and turn out a record number of American Indian and Alaskan Native voters. The culmination of the Native Vote efforts in 2004 and 2006 was a resounding success for tribal governments nationwide. It empowered Native voters and raised the profile of Native issues in the eyes of politicians. It was a historic moment for all of Indian Country. Native voters proved that we can make our voices heard with the power of the vote

For the 2008 General Election the (NCAI) Native Vote Michigan State Lead, Su Lantz and our team of Tribal Coordinators kicked off the Michigan 2008 Native Vote Initiative with a conference call that took place on April 17, 2008. We have a very supportive team comprised of a Tribal Coordinator from each of the twelve (12) federally recognized Indian tribes in Michigan as well as a State Lead to coordinate their efforts and ideas. The infrastructure of the Native Vote Michigan Tribal Coordinators Team will prove to only breed success. Coordinator for KBIC is Carole La-Pointe, Health Director.

The Team will focus on Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) efforts and provide a plan for a Native Vote Election Protection Project (NV-EPP). We will target every level of potential voters including the youth and first time voters, sporadic voters, Elders and those needing transportation, education and assistance. We will pay particular attention to voters with special needs such as in holding mock elections for training, or assistance with absentee voting for shut-ins.

If you are not a registered voter in Michigan and will be eligible to vote on November 4, 2008, you need to register by October 6, 2008. Watch for more information in the next issue on how and where to register. Our Team is here to help. We will have voter registration forms available and someone to assist you. You can also access information on voting by visiting <a href="https://www.nativevote.org">www.nativevote.org</a> and clicking on your state.

Let's Get-Out-The-Vote and let our Native American voices be heard!

### TRIBAL MEMBERS EARN EMT CERTIFICATES



The following Keweenaw Bay Tribal Members earned the EMT Certificates on May 31, Lori LaFernier (left), Jody Joki (center), Tim Gauthier (right), missing from photo - Tom Chosa, Ron Hueckstadt and Gerald Cadeau. Their EMT training began January 7, 2008, with classes being held every Monday and Wednesday evenings, and some Saturdays. Besides classroom instruction, hands on experience included 20 hours of Ambulance runs and 20 hours of clinical experience at BCMH's Emergency room. After passing a final written test and a practical exam, the students received their diplomas at a graduation ceremony held on May 31, 2008. The EMT Certificate enables each individual to take the State Exam.

### **1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE**

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.





### **NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS**

### The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #REN-08-036

TITLE: Support for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of its Opposition to the Proposed Sulfide Metallic Mineral Mine Proposed by Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company (KEMC), in the Traditional Lands of the Community which were Ceded to the Government through the Treaty of 1842.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, involving the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural vales, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the mine, proposed by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company (KEMC), is in the traditional lands of the Community which were ceded to the government through the Treaty of 1842; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has enacted the Non-ferrous Metallic Mineral Act and Rules to govern the mining of sulfide minerals. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community strongly feels that the State has followed neither the letter nor the intent of this Michigan mining law when it issued the permits necessary to proceed with mining to Kennecott. As a result, the Community has invested heavily in technical experts to review the mining company's Mining Permit Application and has entered into legal action against the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for improperly issuing mining permits; and

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community feels that the State of Michigan is setting a dangerous precedent by issuing permits based on Kennecott applications containing literally hundreds of technical mistakes, poor and missing analyses, missing data and unsubstantiated assumptions and conclusions. Because of the very disastrous effect acid mine drainage is known to have on all living things, the potential damage to our water, air and sacred lands is very significant; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Bands of Chippewa share common lands and culture. It is now apparent that many Ojibwa also share common geology in the ancient rocks found in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, northern Wisconsin and northeast Minnesota which contain the abundant metallic minerals. In this regard, the Lake Superior bands of Ojibwa share a common cause in protecting our ceded territories, reservations and all reserved treaty rights threatened by actual and potential mining projects; and

**WHEREAS,** preservation of our land, our culture and our way of life rely on us to act now as guardians for the next seven generations to address the inadequacy of current laws and administrative polices pertaining to protection of sacred lands.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the NCAI does hereby support the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and their efforts to stop the proposed sulfide metallic mineral mine that will be located on the Yellow Dog Plains in Marquette County Michigan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2008 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada, on June 1-4, 2008, with a quorum present.

(Signed) President Joe A. Garica

### MORNINGSTAR/DOWD EARN CDA

Nissa Morningstar (left) and Kelly Dowd (right) have both been awarded their Child Development Associate (CDA). This credential, awarded by the Council of Professional Recognition in Washington DC, is a testimony of demonstrated competency in working with young children and their families. In addition, both have demonstrated their ability to work with children to help develop their physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and health learning environment. Dowd and Morningstar are employees of the KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program and are PROUD to have reached this goal to better themselves in working with the



children. Mary Deline, CDA Advisor, aided them both in a chieving this award. Both admit, "It's been a long road and we finally achieve our goal!" Both ladies plan to continue their education and continue working with children.

### New Employees



Robin Roe — was hired as the Administrative Assistant for the KBIC Office of Child Support Services. Robin is the daughter of Sandy and Jerry Swartz of L'Anse, and a 1986 graduate of L'Anse High School. She attended NMU for 1½ years and after moving downstate she attended Mid-Michigan Community College for a semester before returning to the area. Robin has been taking classes at KBOCC towards her Business Administration Degree. Robin resides in Baraga with Kerry Picciano,

her two sons, Logan (12) and Grayson (9), and their miniature Dachshund, Uno.



**Becky Tussing** — was hired as the Associate Director for the Dept. of Health and Human Services. Becky started her work experience with KBIC/DHHS in 1994 as a student with the Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth, "Indians in Medicine" program. She graduated from the Suomi College's Nursing program in 1998. Becky worked part time on the Cardiac Unit at MGH before she accepted a full time position in the KBIC Medical Clinic in 1998. She was promoted to Lead RN for the Medical Clinic in 2003. Becky states, "I am pleased to

continue to serve KBIC/DHHS as the new Associate Director. I will miss the patient contact I had working in the clinic but have always wanted to be able to work in Health Administration. I am hoping to continue to work on expanding health services to our community and conserving Indian Health Service funding." Becky lives in Chassell, with her husband, Paul, who is a Residential Unit Manager with the Michigan Department of Corrections, and their two children, Zakkary age seven and Lexus age four.



Left to right — Cody Blue, Nancy Voakes, and Kim Klopstein are the Supervisors for this year's Summer Youth Program.

Cody Blue is the daughter of Peggy Minton of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Brad Blue of Red Lake, MN. Cody is a 2006 graduate of L'Anse High School and has attended NMU for two years, majoring in social work. Her plans include returning to NMU and working to-

wards completing her goals. This is Cody's first year as a Summer Youth Supervisor and she hopes to get as much experience working with youth as she can. During the previous school year, Cody worked as the elementary Ojibwe bilingual teacher, and her future plans are to pursue a career working with children in our Native Community. Cody states, "I love my Community and want to contribute to its great successes and achievements for the generations to come. I am looking forward to a fun summer with the kids and am enjoying getting to know them."

**Nancy Voakes**, KBIC member, recently returned home from traveling across the country. This is Nancy's third summer employed as a Summer Youth Supervisor. Nancy states, "I am glad to be back working as a Summer Youth Supervisor. I love the position and enjoy working with the youth. It's a great feeling to have when helping the youth enter the job force. Hopefully this summer will be just as enjoyable as the past two summers."

**Kim Klopstein**, KBIC member, is the daughter of Agnes Hueckstaedt (Totsie). Kim lives in Baraga and has two children, Jeff who is 19 and Jennifer who is 17. Kim states she, "enjoys spending time with family and friends, fishing and a good night of racing at Adventure Mountain Speedway. I applied for the Summer Youth Supervisor position because I enjoy working with our youth. I look forward to spending a great summer with them."

The Summer Youth Program is under the direction of JoDene Rasanen, who is employed as the Summer Youth Program Director; a seasonable permanent position.



Tyler Larson — was hired as the Youth Coordinator. Tyler, a KBIC member, graduated in 2003 from Calumet High School. He recently graduated in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from NMU. While attending college he was also a member of the NMU football team. Larson served as captain for two seasons and was a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) for two years as well. Tyler states, "I enjoy being around kids and hope to provide them with the opportunity to have fun and be successful. With my time off, I like spending it with my daughter, working out and being outdoors enjoying the seasons."

### **July 2008 Calendars Events**

July 4 — Government offices closed for 4th of July holiday.

July 12 — Saturday's Council Meeting 9 am.

July 12 — KBIC Youth Soccer begins, 10 am.

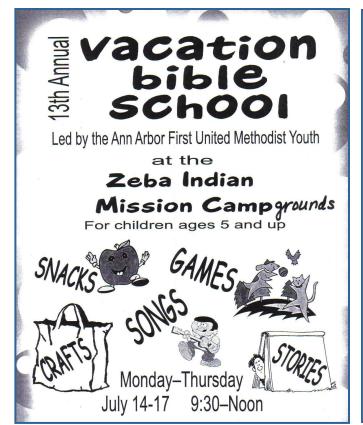
July 14-17 — Zeba Indian Mission Campgrounds Vacation Bible Camp.

July 18 — Big Kid Dance at OCC, 7pm—12pm.

July 25-27, 2008 — 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding.

July 27— Parent's Day.

**National Parents Day** is a special day to honor your mother and father. It is a time to celebrate the family structure and family values. The family unit is an important structure for the health of children, and the nation. That structure, and those values, are established and nurtured by your parents. Parents Day is not a day for gift giving as in Mother's Day and Father's Day. The best way to celebrate Parents Day is to spend time with your parents doing some fun family activity. Let your parents know how much they are loved and appreciated!



### ZEBA INDIAN MISSION— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Beginning July 13
— Join us for Worship at the Zeba Campgrounds at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Vacation Bible School — Zeba Campgrounds July 14-17, 9:30 a.m. noon.

Annual Camp Meeting — "Worship in the Outdoors" at the Campgrounds August 3-8, 7:00 p.m. Special Music/Speakers.

Women's Prayer Breakfast — Zeba Campgrounds, August 9, 10:00 a.m.

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, please contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

NOTICE: If there are no volunteers available for Open Gym, it will be cancelled. No youth allowed in the gym unattended! Volunteers needed! Youth calendar events @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club.

### Anishinaabe Anokii First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908 Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Tina Durant,
Services Coordinator



### Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  - 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  - 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  - 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve member's financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve member's ability to maintain their homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  - Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  - 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  - 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  - 4. Home repair for member-owned homes;5. Credit repair for homeownership; and
  - 6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs.

### MORE NEWS FROM OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Ojibwa Housing Authority (OHA) has been busy with many new projects. One of the biggest new projects taken on by the OHA is the creation of a new non profit corporation. We have incorporated, under tribal law, a new non profit corporation called the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing & Community Development Corporation (KBOHCDC). This non profit corporation will be mainly responsible for accessing additional grant sources in order to improve the self sufficiency of our tribal members. The KBOHCDC currently is operating our Individual Development Account (IDA) program, our low cost home improvement loan program, and our financial literacy trainings. The IDA program is a great program to increase the assets of our tenants and tribal members. The program allows participants to select one of six asset goals to save money for. As participants save money, the KBOHCDC matches \$4 for every \$1 saved by the participant. The asset goals include down payment monies for home purchase, college tuition and expenses, business start up or expansion, home repair, credit repair, and vehicle purchase for travel to school or work.

Another new program, the low cost home improvement loan program, is also available to qualifying tribal members. The program allows tribal members to borrow money for their home at a very low cost. The interest rate on the home improvement loan is based on the federal funds rate, which is currently at 2%. But to get the discounted interest rate, you have to buy your materials at the Ojibwa Building Supply and use a local Indian contractor to perform the work. The purpose is to stimulate our local Indian economy. The loan limit is \$20,000 with a payback not to exceed ten years. An example might be a \$20,000 loan at 2% over ten years. At 2% you will have monthly payment of about \$184 and pay about \$2,083 in interest over the term of the loan. If you went to a local bank you might pay 7% for the loan. At 7%, you will have a monthly payment of about \$232 and pay about \$7,865 in interest over the term of the loan. Our program would have saved you over \$5,782 in interest.

We provide financial literacy training to tenants and tribal members that uses a curriculum created in collaboration with the First Nations Development Institute, Oweesta, and Fannie Mae. The curriculum is designed to remind participants that saving and budgeting are traditional native skills and that we need to pay attention to where and how we spend our money if we want to successfully manage our personal finances. In a short time, we have trained over 75 tribal members in this curriculum. Financial literacy training is also a requirement to participate in our successful IDA program.

So if you want to save for any one of the goals in our IDA program, or you want to take advantage of our low cost home improvement loan program, please contact Christine LaPointe, KBOHCDC program administrator, or Eddy Edwards, Executive Director at 524-5514.

### **ATTENTION:**

There will be a two-day *Protect the Earth* Summit on the shores of Gichigami, August 2 and 3 in Marquette.

Events include: speakers from Ontario First Nations, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, who are struggling to protect their land and water from metallic sulfide and uranium mining; workshops; rally; music; and more.

It is time for all of us who truly care about the U.P. to unite in protecting it.

For details call Barb at (906) 942-7325 or (toll-free) 1-877-358-9429.

See our website for updates:
www.yellowdogsummer.wordpress.com
and watch for posters.

### 2008 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2008 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

Enrolled Tribal member
Attending an accredited college/university
Enrolled as a full-time student
Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field
Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at <a href="mailto:amy@KBIC-nsn.gov">amy@KBIC-nsn.gov</a>. The application deadline is August 4, 2008, at 4 p.m.

### The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Drug Task Force

### - Mission Statement -

To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of "illegal drugs" for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.

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Our children (young and old) need us to help them lead a healthy, drug-free life. Drug and alcohol problems can be prevented and preventing them starts with us. As parents, caregivers, relatives and friends, we have a tremendous influence on the decisions our children make. Our constant communication and caring may inspire them to walk away from drugs and alcohol.

A number of national studies and published reports indicate that the intentional use of prescription drugs, such as pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, and sedatives, to get high is a growing concern-particularly among teens-in the United States and in our Communities. Next to marijuana, the most common illegal drugs teens are using to get high are prescription medications. Teens are abusing prescription drugs because they believe the myth that these drugs provide a medically safe high. The most recent research on deaths in the U.S. due to poisoning over a five-year period (1999-2004) shows that nearly all poison deaths in the country are attributed to drugs, and most drug poisonings result from the abuse of prescription and illegal drugs. (CDC 2007) The majority of teens get prescription drugs easily and for free, often from friends or relatives. Girls are more likely than boys to intentionally abuse prescription drugs to get high, and adolescents are more likely than young adults to become dependent on prescription medication.

### EDUCATE—COMMUNICATE—SAFEGUARD

Educate yourself about medications that kids are abusing and share this information with others who are in contact with your children-school administrators, coaches, counselors, etc.

Discuss the subject with your children. See what your kids know about peers using medications without doctors' orders. Set clear expectations with your teenagers letting them know that under no circumstances should they

ever take medications without your knowledge. Kids who learn about drug risks from parents are only half as likely to start using, and kids whose parents supervise them closely are also only half as likely to start using, and kids whose parents supervise them closely are also only half as likely to develop a drug problem. Know the "who, what, why, where, when" of their activities.

Safeguard medications at home and other places: ask your healthcare provider if any medications prescribed for your family have a potential for abuse. Take an inventory of prescriptions and over the counter medications in your home. Pay attention to quantities. Keep medications out of reach and out of easily accessible places like the medicine cabinet.

We are not alone. Substance abuse and prescription drug abuse is common among teens and adults, and addiction doesn't discriminate. It cuts across race, gender, and economic lines, every region in the country, and every walk of life. Most people know someone who has struggled with addiction, and one in four teenagers is now living with an addicted parent. Take heart. More than anything, families need confidence that recovery is possible, and encouragement and information and professional support is available to heal these problems. Please review the website "The Partnership for a Drug-Free America" Your Child Needs You! A guide to help your child lead a healthy, drug-free www.drugfree.org.



The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyh o I m, and the "Indinawemaaganidog" cd by GLIFWC.

### **WANTED**

Historical Items for School/Orphanage Exhibit at Assinins in July. Photos, Art Work, News Clippings, Books, Stories/Legends, etc. All items will be returned by the end of July. Contact Cheryl (353-7795) or Mike (353-6483).

The Mleko family is having a fundraiser cookbook for Christian, the insurance company will not pay for his fingers that he needs. This is one way to earn some money. We need everyone's help. We previously asked people to submit their best recipes into this cookbook. This cookbook sells for \$10.00. Send your payment for your cookbook to:

Christina Demers 1005 39th Avenue Vero Beach , FL 32960



If you are in the L'ANSE/BARAGA area, we will figure out a local delivery plan. If you are not, please add an additional \$2.00 per book ordered, for shipping. You will receive them around the end of August or early September. We ask you to please order early.

This cookbook would be a great Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary gift for anyone. In order for this to succeed, we all need to pull together and give it 110%. Christian needs us and our support. Thanking you in advance for your help and your orders.

~ Christian Mleko's family



### 2008 Miss Keweenaw Bay Candidates



Miss Keweenaw Bay Candidates for 2008 are: Megan Tucker, Tashina Kauppila, Jessica Lane, Jennifer DeCota, Sheena Halverson. Miss Keweenaw Bay will be selected by the KBIC Powwow Committee and crowned on July 25 at the 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding. More details will be available in the August issue of the Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag.

### Kid's Fishing Derby Winner



KBIC's George E. Curtis Memorial Fishing Kid's Derby was held on Saturday, June 21, 2008. Elevenyear-old Kevin Denomie of Zeba, Michigan, is pictured with the winning catch for the Watch for day. August issue of the Chiikendaam Chiwiikwegamag for more Kid's Fishing Derby details.

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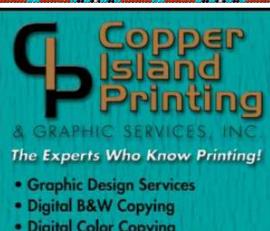
### **Employment Opportunities**

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit:

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ personnel.htm

### On Call positions:

- \* LPN
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### **KBIC'S (GEORGE E. CURTIS MEMORIAL)** SIXTH ANNUAL KIDS' FISHING DERBY



Smokey the Bear made an appearance at this year's Kids' Fishing Derby, shown above, as he visited with children. Smokey the Bear's visit was made possible with the assistance of the Will Wiggins, the BIA Fire Division, and the KBIC Beartown Fire Fighters.

The KBIC's George E. Curtis Meon Saturday, June 21, 2008, with most fish caught. Velcro fishing con-3rd (tie)-Jaden Osterman-7 and contest (8-12 yrs.) results: 1st-Megan Kinnunen-8, 2nd—Dillon Hueckstaedt-11, 3rd-Jacob Gabe-10. Casting contest (4-7 yrs.) results: 1st-Trevor Nankervis-7, 2nd (tie) -Jordon Wiles-6 and Tanner Lane-6, 3rd (tie)-Jaden Osterman-7, Javon Shelifoe-4 and Haily Lamb-4. Casting contest (8-12 yrs.) results: 1st—Katrina Ravindran-12, 2nd—Kelsi Snow-9, 3rd (tie)—Taryn Chagnon-8, Samuel Dix-11 and Ashok Ravindran-9. Inner tube con-

morial Kids' Fishing Derby was held 194 official registrants. The biggest fish was caught by Kevin Denomie-11 of Zeba, second place went to Carsyn Osterman-9, and third place went to Keith Donald Denomie Jr.-12. Keith also won the prize for the test (4-7 yrs.) results: 1st—Tanner Lane-6, 2nd—Trevor Nankervis-7, Jeffrey Turpeinen-7. Velcro fishing

Eleven-year-old Kevin Denomie of Zeba, Michigan, pictured with his win-

test results: 1st—Sabrina Laux-9, 2nd—Zachery Culp-10, 3rd—Curtis Hill-10.

According to Gene Mensch, Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department, the idea of having the KBIC Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) host a small fishing derby for local children was discussed in late 2002. As the discussion grew, so did the vision(s) for the event. People were excited about the chance to expose local youth to fishing at an early age.

Gene Mensch (KBNRD Fish and Wildlife Biologist) and Kelly Jacobs (former KBNRD Water Quality Specialist) contacted local groups who might be able to offer assistance, including KBIC Leadership, Copper Country Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CCTU), the Ottawa and Otter Lake Sportsman's Club, Michigan DNR and various local businesses.

KBNRD was referred to Wal-Mart and the "Hooked on Fishing Sup-International" Kids' Derby port Group. This group was helpful in sending a moderate amount of fishing gear and prizes, as well as helping us plan and organize basic games and contest themes for the first KBIC hosted Kids' Fishing Derby.

That first year (2003), around 100 children participated in a fishing contest and various small games. Literally, the day after the first derby, people began planning for the Second Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby. In particular, Denise Marth, from CCTU, became heavily



A favorite past time for many children was the Inflatable Bouncing Cage (Air Giraffe). Shown above are KBIC youngsters, as they had fun... playing and bouncing away.

involved in organizing for the next Derby. She had boundless energy and commitment to do things that promote health and happiness in children, and she, along with Gene Mensch, Kelly Jacobs, Donna Fredrickson (former KBNRD secretary), Elizabeth Mayo and others planned for the next year.

The Second Annual KBIC Kids' Fishing Derby was a major success with more children registered and many more games and prizes given away thanks mainly to the generous support from the KBIC Tribal Council, Natural Resources Committee and from many local businesses. Shortly after the Derby. many of the same people mentioned previously formed an unoffi-

cial planning committee for the 3rd Annual Derby.

Shortly after the 3rd Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby, which had a record turn-out and was another large success. Denise Marth was tragically killed in an automobile acci-Staff from KBNRD unanident. mously voted to name the 4th KBIC Derby in her honor (the 4th Annual KBIC Denise Marth Memorial Kids' Fishing Derby).

It was later decided that the KBIC Derby would honor a different individual or individuals on a yearly basis. The 5th Annual event was in honor of the late Buck Chosa and Bovzie Jondreau. Tribal commercial fishers who played vital roles in the fight to preserve and protect rights to



ning catch.

### July 12, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on July 12, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. Council approved the Department Head reports for May 2008, and meeting minutes of April 5, 2008, May 3, 2008, May 8, 2008, and May 9, 2008. The minutes of April 10, 2008, were tabled.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. During the month of June, President Swartz attended meetings for the community including: the National Congress of American Indians in Sparks, Nevada; the United Tribes of Michigan in Manistee, Michigan; and the Governor's annual summit also in Manistee, Michigan. June 2-6, President Swartz was in Sparks, Nevada, attending the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) meeting. Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Executive Director John Echohawk and NCAI General Counsel John Dossett addressed the general assembly on two Supreme Court cases involving predatory lending on reservations and the recovery of Indian land into trust. Dossett stated, "The Plains Commerce Bank case is an extremely important case for tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction over predatory lending. The case, expected to be decided by the July 4 recess, concerns an agricultural loan between a bank and an Indian-owned ranching operation. They are also working on an important case that will be heard next fall on the Secretary of Interior's ability to restore land to reservations."

On June 12, 2008, Council member Fred Dakota and President Swartz attended a United Tribes meeting in Manistee, Michigan. A report from Su Lantz on the Native vote initiative here in Michigan was discussed. President Swartz received a copy of a Native vote guidebook for Carole LaPointe. Carole has been appointed the Native Vote Coordinator for our Tribe. An update was given on tribal IDs on concerns with travel and voting privileges. President Swartz received a concept paper on creating a Native American caucus in the Michigan Legislature. This concept would establish a core group of legislators who are willing to establish a positive government to government dialogue with tribes, so we can develop a basis for communication in hopes that it will foster a climate of mutual respect and understanding. The caucus would educate legislators on tribal sovereignty and the goals and objectives of individual tribes. The goal for this new legislative caucus is to identify legislators who will form an alliance with the tribes, and will work to educate the rest of their colleagues as most members of the legislature do not have tribes in their districts; therefore, they do not know anything about tribes, nor do they feel compelled to work with us on the issues.

On June 13, President Swartz met with Governor Granholm and asked for her help with the Kennecott mine issue. He presented her with two resolutions of support in our opposition to the mine (one from the National Congress of American Indians and the other from the United Tribes of Michigan). He also presented her with a letter from Vice President Susan LaFernier.

President Swartz indicated that he recently read an article in Indian Country Today regarding co-pays. It claimed that IHS (Indian Health Service) officials are strongly considering a shift in policy which could result in the stoppage of IHS funding for health care at IHS facilities where the IHS funded facility charges

eligible beneficiaries co-payments for portions of health services or pharmaceuticals may be subject to a complete halt in funding. IHS derives the authority to provide health care services and funding from the Snyder Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), and in some cases, Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act (ISDEAA). IHS is attempting to impose prohibitions placed upon IHS in these statutes upon tribes to further erode tribal sovereignty. IHS has been conducting consultations at IHS Regional Offices and at other events to determine how many tribes have instituted a co-payment policy or are charging eligible beneficiaries for health care services. KBIC only requires copays for prescription drugs which are for the services of the pharmacist. President Swartz indicated that apparently these stories are in error, and he awaits a Dear Tribal Leader letter from the Bemidji Area Office.

President Swartz announced that earlier this month the law firm of Dorsey and Whitney filed motions on behalf of the community in the Byykkonen vs. KBIC case to vacate judgment, for recusal of the judge, and for reassignment of the case.

President Swartz and Chief Tribal Judge Brad Dakota met with the appellate court judges earlier this month to inform the appellate judges of cases pending before the court and for introductions. Swartz thanked Vice President LaFernier for her work on the appellate court process.

President Swartz indicated that last month he reported that Pat Devlin from the Michigan Gaming Control Board was terminated from his job. Swartz indicated that he made a mistake when he gave his report and wants to set the record straight. Pat Devlin from the Michigan Gaming Control Board was suspended from his job with pay.

The Office of the Tribal President is continuing to monitor developments in the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, Tribal IDs issues, Adam Walsh Act requirements, Class III Tribal State Gaming Compact Process regulation, and Congress.

Question session from the President's Report sparked up the topic of Maple View Pub's building code violations and the fact that the owner is still open for business after the Tribe's Building Inspector issued a determination to close the facility. President Swartz made a statement — "The latest I know is that he (Jeff Lamson) had applied for a residential permit, he changed the occupancy for the building to a commercial, according to the code you're required to apply for a new permit through the application process. failed to do that. Based on Jeff's action or inaction of applying for a permit, the building inspector has issued a determination regarding the residential application; saying that it is not up to code for commercial activities. We are working on the enforcement of the code."

Vice President Susan LaFernier gave the Vice President report for June 2008. On June 5. Vice-President LaFernier, Pauline Spruce, Jerry Lee Curtis and Doreen Blaker traveled to Eagle Rock in the Yellow Dog Plains to do interviews for a video sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation that will portray the struggle regarding the sulfide mine project and the spiritual and cultural importance of Eagle Rock to our Tribe and other Tribes. It will be used to attract attention to this issue in Lower Michigan and beyond. Vice President LaFernier spoke of the pleasure she had attending the three day Indigenous Planning workshop sponsored by the Department of Justice-Community Capacity Development Office. LaFernier stated, "This information will be very helpful when we update our Comprehensive Plan, usually in the area of economic development. We learned how to model our KB Community behavior and age groups using basic demographic patterns on the computer. We

learned how to model our behavior using basic land/use patterns, and we established priorities, actions and long term participation in projects based on the information gathered from these models." The CCDO staff met with interested individuals of our communities, clergy, and directors of our Tribe, business owners, and bankers regarding various topics as they gathered information. Council also attended a luncheon with local village leaders and the CCDO staff to discuss economic development. After the information had been collected, CCDO staff presented their preliminary observations and a SWOT (strengths. weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis regarding KBIC's Economic Development Initiative. They will be returning on August 14 to present final presentation/observations. Vice President LaFernier thanked Judy Heath, Tribal Social Services Director, Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer, and Chris Gerard, Weed and Seed Coordinator, for coordinating these workshops.

Vice President LaFernier attended two Drug Task Force meetings during the month of June. The Task Force is working with New Day on possible future projects and will be meeting with Jim Stingle, KBIC's grant writer, on possible grants. The Drug Task Force will have a table at our Powwow, and have plans for a billboard, radio ads and brochures. Todd Warner is working on another clean sweep event to collect old/unused pharmaceuticals which will be held on 08/16/08 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Remember the Drug Tip Line is 353-DRUG (353-3784). Vice President LaFernier also attended a Weed and Seed Steering Committee meeting and the Department Head Meeting held on June 25.

Our contested court hearing on mining will resume this Monday, 7/14/08, after the Fourth of July recess. Our rebuttals, which involve seven witnesses, will be heard this week after approximately 36 witnesses were heard from Kennecott and the DEQ. Our witnesses totaled 23. Vice President LaFernier asks for all "to keep the hearing officer in your prayers as he will be making his decision in the next few weeks to either grant or deny the 632 mining permit and Part 31 groundwater discharge permit."

Larry Denomie III, CEO, gave a report for June 2008. KBIC was approved for the project application slated for the Sand Point property. A local chapter of the group, known as Engineers Without Borders—USA from Michigan Tech in partnership with the University of Wisconsin—Madison chapter, will be putting together design and engineering plans for developing the property. Plans will include designing and surveying for roads, water lines and a wastewater system, as well as working on the coastal erosion issues. The group will draft a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the roles and responsibilities of each partner.

The grant application for the new Early Childhood Education Center through ICDBG is complete. Tribal Council passed, at an earlier meeting, Resolution KB1618-2008, to move forward with the grant request of \$600,000 to aid in funding the estimated \$4 million project. If the grant is approved, construction could begin next year with an estimated building time of 12-16 months. The building will house, Headstart, Early Headstart, Pre-primary, and Even Start programs, and it will be built adjacent to the Ojibwa Community College. There will be a preliminary design print posted at the Tribal Center for those who wish to view it. Discussion revealed that over \$3 million of Keweenaw Bay's dollars would be allocated for this project.

The Tribe has moved forward with applying for a nearly \$500,000 Solid Waste Transfer Station grant through the Tribal Solid Waste Interagency Workgroup of the lead agency U.S. EPA. If funded, construction of a facility

located in the Tribe's Industrial Park would take place. This facility would consist of a weigh scale, tipping floor and a small office building. It is estimated that the facility would be capable of handling around 3,000 tons of waste per year. Once in operation, the transfer station would be treated as a business of KBIC and has the potential of creating six new jobs. After the facility is up and running, we would have the opportunity to pursue additional funding and assistance for other expanded waste services such as a compacter station in Zeba, recycling programs, household hazardous waste, white goods, recycled oil and composting to name a few. External agencies have extended their help in setting up this venture including Waste Management, WUPPDR, Baraga and L'Anse Villages, Ojibwa Housing and Tribal Construction.

The CEO's office received a phone call from ANA requesting additional information. for the language grant application, and according to Jim St. Arnold, it is a sure sign (97%) that the grant will be funded. The ANA Language grant will provide \$200,000 per year for a total of three years.

The grant office will also be working on submitting a grant to perform a feasibility study for a transportation system for our area. If funded, the grant will pay expenses to gather information needed to see if there is a need for a public transportation system. Grant funding is also available for operating a public transit system if the study reveals the need for one.

Tribal Council approved the formation of a seven member Alternate Renewable Energy Committee, who will aid the Economic Development and Natural Resources departments in development of an Alternative and Renewable Energy Strategic Plan, reviewing and advising development proposals and facilitating community and stake holder meetings.

The CEO indicated that he had recently received an e-mail from OCC President Parrish indicating that their PIF has been accepted by the Higher Learning Commission which is a sign that a review team will be coming in to do a report on the candidacy status.

A department head meeting was held on June 25. A lot of information was distributed and received during the meeting and quarterly meetings will occur in the future. Larry Denomie reported on his attendance at the week long meetings held by the Department of Justice-Community Capacity Development Office (see Vice President Report for detailed information on this topic).

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of June 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on June 7, 2008, and is reported in the July 2008, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on June 13, 2008: approved the formation of a Tribal Energy Committee; approved Ojibwa Senior Citizen's MIEA Delegates Janice Shalifoe and Mike Duschene for two year terms with Roger Duschene as an alternate; approved the agreement between Hannahville and KBIC for WIC services; approved offering the Youth Programs and Facility Coordinator position to Tyler Larson. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on June 26, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of April 25, and April 29, 2008; approved Resolutions KB1612-2008 Authorization of Funds for the Beartown Firefighters, KB1616-2008 Ojibwa Housing grant application for FY2008 Indian Health Services Elder Care Initiative Long Term Care Program Grant to assess long term needs of tribal elders, KB1617-2008 Authorizing the Executive Committee of the KBIC to conduct business with the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, KB1618-2008 ICDBG Grant application for an Early Childhood Education Center, KB1620-2008 Social Services 2009 Title IV-B Grants, and KB1621-2008 Native American Children's Alliance Initiative grant application for training and technical assistance; approved the purchase of two vans, one truck and three mobile radios for the Beartown Firefighters; agreed to move forward with the appeal in the Byykkonen case and to not enter into a settlement; approved an additional \$13,500 for the Walleye Pond project; approved the IHS Sanitation Deficiency System Project list for 2009; approved three deer tags for the July Powwow; approved a donation of \$2800 to the Cedar Tree Institute for building butterfly houses and seeding native plants on Sand Point; agreed to move forward with a transit study plan; approved a donation of \$2,153.92 for the Ojibwa Seniors to attend the MIEA Conference in Mt. Pleasant; upheld the CEO's decision in Grievance Hearing #004-08; approved July 3rd as a Holiday for all employees; approved the installation of four IGT participation games at the Pines; approved the removal and installation of five participation games at the Baraga Casino; approved the Oasis System for the Pines Slots; approved a donation of \$400 each for Anthony Charron and Michael Charron for emergency travel; and approved a donation of \$2,789.50 for the Four Thunders Drum to go to Standish, MI. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on June 30, 2008: agreed to reimburse the Baraga Fire Department for the liquor license for the UP Firemen's Tournament; approved the low bid of Hetrick and Associates through First American's for liability insurance; approved a donation of \$6,900 to the Holy Name of Jesus Church for cemetery expansion; approved the purchase of GED software; approved business license renewals for Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline for Superior Water Sales, Native American Buyers Group, J&K Pawn, and Superior Pizza; approved firework permits for Pete Morin and James Welsh; approved a new business license for Joseph Waara for Trading With The Chippewa's; promoted Nissa Morningstar and Kelly Dowd to full-time teachers for the Pre-primary program; promoted Christine Awonohopay to full-time for the Even Start program; approved June donations totaling \$8,450; agreed to file an appeal of the denial of motion in the Byykkonen case; and approved the Health Administrator Contract.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for June 2008. Council approved six of eleven requests for donations for June: Ahmed Shriners-KB Club (Kids' Day) \$1000, National Tribal Child Support Association (purchase of items from the gift shop to be used for a silent auction) \$200, Bay Cliff Health Camp (Dream Capital Campaign) \$1000, United Tribes of Michigan \$5000, Leif Forcia Sr. stockcar sponsorship \$250, and Barack Obama Presidential Campaign \$1000. Treasurer Misegan and Council member Fred Dakota traveled to represent the Council at the opening of the Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel operated by the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa. It is a beautiful facility. Our audit is completed, and we have scheduled finance meetings with CFO Francis La-Pointe on July 23 and 24, 2008. We also will begin our preliminary meetings for the FY'09 budget. Treasurer Misegan also reported she attended sessions during the week long meetings held by the Department of Justice-Community Capacity Development Office (see Vice President Report for detailed information on this topic).

Charlene Kangas of the Baraga County Shelter Home sought funding in the amount of \$50,000 for an addition to be built on to the present shelter home which would house two offices, a playroom/meeting room, a barrier free bedroom and a barrier free bathroom. The home currently pays rent for office space. Total cost of the construction project will cost \$87,000. The home has secured \$37,000 in the Denise Marth and Jeff Kangas fund along with other funding efforts but still are in need of \$50,000. If the home is able to come up with the needed money for the addition, she has

obtained funding in the amount of \$100,000 from MSHDA to renovate the current home but that funding can not be used for the addition. Mrs. Kangas was directed to seek a letter from a local unit of government (L'Anse Village) requesting the funds for the Baraga County Shelter Home, which will qualify the payment as a 2% distribution. Council indicated they need the letter by July 23. There also may be some dollars available in the Tribal Council's budget for donations.

Ken Marshall of Western U.P. Planning Region gave an informational presentation of the GIS National Mapping Project, which has been funded by both the Federal and State governments. WUPPDR encompasses the western six counties of the Upper Michigan (Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon) and provides services to local units of government throughout the region from their office in Houghton. WUPPDR provides mapping services and maintains a GIS database for the six county area. Data available includes base information, topographical maps, digital ortho quads, parcel information GIS maps can be viewed at and more. www.wuppdr.org.

Ken Marshall continued with a presentation on the KBIC Rapid Watershed Project. Rapid Watershed Assessments (RWA) provide guidance of where conservation investments would best address the concerns of landowners, conservation districts and other community organizations and stakeholders within a watershed. nine-ten months they gathered any information that could be used in conservation district's annual and long range plans or provide a foundation for watershed, area-wide or sitespecific planning. The assessment study area included 313 miles with 92 miles being within the KBIC reservation boundary. They took this assessment one step further when they found fish barrier problems. As Marshall presented the RWA, it became apparent that numerous culverts in the surveyed area obstruct fish from swimming upstream to spawn. Marshall did not request anything further of the Council at this time. Mr. Marshall will be conducting a public presentation on August 12, at 7 pm, in the Chippewa Room in the Ojibwa Resort in Baraga.

Barbara Bradley, spoke of the upcoming Protect the Earth Summit which will be held on Saturday August 2, with workshops being held at Northern Michigan University Center 1-4 pm., and Rally, Speakers, Skits and music being held from 5-9 p.m. On Sunday, August 3, there will be a walk to Eagle Rock at 10 a.m. KBIC's Vice President, Susan LaFernier, will be one of the speakers on August 3rd. Doreen Blaker will speak on August 2nd. For more information see yellowdogsummer.wordpress.com 906-942-7325 or email yellowdog@planetsave.com.

Isadore (Blue) Misegan from the KBIC Veterans sought assistance with funding for a new van for the Jacobetti Center in Marquette. The van will cost \$28,000 and Jacobetti's has secured about half of the cost through a grant. The van will transport residents of the Jacobetti Center to appointments, such as to Woods Hospital in Milwaukee. The request will be placed on the agenda for the July donations meeting.

Denise Cadeau, House Manager for New Day, brought forth for approval, six policies (Bomb Threat Policy, Emergency Procedures Overall, Table Top Exercise on Emergency Procedures, Emergency Drill, Severe Weather Emergencies Policy, Computer/Technology) for the New Day Treatment Facility. Council accepted them for review.

Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer, brought forth a request to add Tami Lorbecke, Office of Child Support Director, to the signature card for the Child Support checking account. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to add Tami Lorbecke to the signature card of the Child Support checking account, supported by Elizabeth Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed,

### 0 abstained, one absent, motion carried.

Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer, presented the Proposed Ordinance 2008-02 Tobacco Ordinance of 2008 for a first reading. Tribal Council will schedule the second hearing date at the next Council meeting. Jennifer Misegan stated, "The ordinance was written by the group that went to Lansing for the tax case (Doreen Blaker and Jerry Lee Curtis) and by Susan LaFernier and herself, after we received word that we lost the cigarette case. It was also worked on by our attorneys. It doesn't mean they have to sign a MOU."

Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer, presented the Proposed Ordinance Ethics In Government Code, draft form for the review of the Council. This ordinance was written by Montana & Associates, whom the Council contracted with to produce it. Council will meet with Gary Montana in August and plans on holding the first reading in September.

Susan LaFernier, Vice President, presented the Proposed Ordinance 2008-03 Appellate Division of the Tribal Court for a first reading. Motion by Fred Dakota to waive the first reading of the Proposed Ordinance 2008-03 Appellate Division of the Tribal Court, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, nine supported, one opposed (Misegan), 0 abstained, one absent, motion carried.

Attorney John Baker presented a business license for Todd Chosa-T.C. Electric. Motion by Larry Denomie to approve the business license for Todd Chosa—T.C. Electric, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent, motion carried. Tribal Council will schedule the second hearing date at the next Council meeting.

Warren Swartz Jr., presented on behalf of Jason Ayres, KBIC's Realtor, a residence lease for Shawn Seppanen who will be purchasing the house from Mary Lou Jossens. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve Resolution KB-1619-2008 the residence lease for Shawn Seppanen, supported by Toni Minton, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent, motion carried.

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens requested an order to make the Ojibwa Seniors—Helene C. Welsh Center an Alcohol and Smoke Free facility with the exception of using sacred medicines in ceremonies. Motion made by Jennifer Misegan to honor the request of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in their Resolution that the Ojibwa Seniors—Helene C. Welsh Center be an Alcohol and Smoke Free facility, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, eight supported, two opposed (Mayo, Dakota), 0 abstained, one absent, motion carried.

Council moved into closed business with Joe Constance—Training Report, President Swartz, CEO Larry Denomie, and Attorney John Baker on the agenda.

### Ojibwa Senior Picnic Sock Hop



Friday, August 22nd 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ojibwa Campground Soda Fountain (Main Pavilion)

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon



Menu Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Root Beer Floats



Please sign up with Philly at the Ojibwa Senior Center by August 13th.

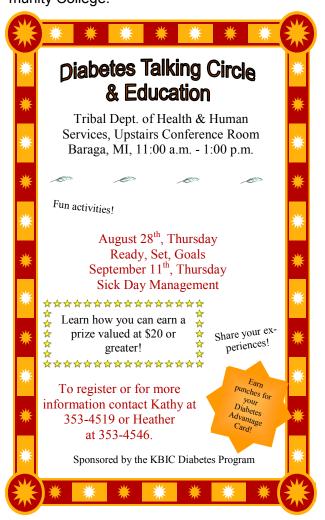
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### KIRKISH TAKES THIRD IN AMERICAN INDIAN WRITING CONTEST



KBOCC Student Gerald "Joe" Kirkish, along with Penny Olson, Liberal Arts Department Chair, display the writing awards from the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and the Tribal College Journal.

KBOCC student Gerald "Joe" Kirkish submitted his story, "Hunting on the Reservation", to the 2008 student writing contest of the American Indian Higher Education Tribal College Journal. Out of 85 entries, "Hunting on the Reservation" received third place in the Journal's short story category. Joe's story, along with works from students representing other tribal colleges, will be published in the Tribal College Journal's Student Edition this fall. Congratulations, Joe, from the board, faculty, and staff of Keweenaw Bay Oiibwa Community College.



### Footsteps In The Forest

**Local Hiking Program:** A Series of Hikes



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All activities will take place at 6:30 p.m. and meet at the site.

In cases of rain event will be cancelled.





Wear supportive shoes, a hat, and sunscreen. Bring a light jacket and water. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Heather at 353-4546 or Kathy at 353-4519 for more information.

Sponsored by: KBIC Diabetes Program

### **KBIC ESTABLISHES AND OPERATES A TRIBAL IV-D PROGRAM**



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is the first Tribe in Michigan to Establish and Operate a Tribal IV-D Program.

The KBIC Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) is the first Tribe in Michigan to establish a tribal child support program with federal funding under Title IV Part D of the Social Security Act. They are now one of only 22 Tribes nationally to operate a comprehensive Tribal IV-D program.

The Tribe had a Friend of the Court office for many years; however, the services they provided were limited. With federal funding under a start-up project, the Office of Child Support Services was established in 2006, and staff spent the past two years developing a child support program that will allow them to provide the full range of child support services to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Staff are committed to improving the lives of children by maintaining an effective program that will improve children's welfare, meet the needs of their families, and strengthen tribal sovereignty.

Their mission is to ensure that paternity is established when appropriate; financial disputes between separated parents are minimized; and parents are held accountable to support their children in accordance with their resources and abilities.

The Office of Child Support Services opened their doors to the public on July 1, 2008. They provide the following services:

- Paternity Establishment
- Child Support Order Establishment Enforcement - Review and Modifica-
- Location of Custodial and Non-**Custodial Parents**
- Community Education

The OCSS is located in the Tribal Court building at 427 N Superior Avenue, Baraga, MI. For more information, please stop by the office and speak to their staff; call them at: 906-353-4566, e-mail them at: ocse@kbic-nsn.gov or visit their website at: <a href="http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/">http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/</a> and click on the child support link.

"We look forward to helping the families in our community!"

Tami Lorbecke / Director Stacey Koski / Child Support Specialist Robin Roe / Administrative Assistant



### KBIC'S GEORGE E. CURTIS MEMORIAL KIDS' FISHING DERBY continued:



hunt, fish and gather for Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. This years event was the 6th Annual KBIC (George E. Curtis Memorial) Kids' Fishing Derby, honoring another commercial fisher who has "walked on" but was an important player in the history of the KBIC Commercial Fishery.

The 2008 KBIC Kids' Derby was the largest to date, and KBNRD Staff and all of the other people who have worked so hard to make the event a success, hope to make the 2009 event even better. The number one goal has become "making sure every child leaves the event with something" be it a prize or a fond memory! We all hope to achieve this goal again in 2009, and look forward to involving anyone who might be interested in assisting with the 7th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby!

Also special thanks should be given to all KBNRD Staff because every year these folks "step up to the plate" and deliver with volunteerism, time and effort: Liz Sherman, Micah Petoskey, Kit Laux, Char Beesley, Katie Kruse, Shawn Seppanen, Evelyn Ravindran, Todd Warner, Jerry Jondreau, Gene Mensch, Pam Nankervis and Jen Merk.

There are also many <u>many</u> additional volunteers, but we currently do not have a complete list (some include KBIC Law Enforcement, KBIC Tribal Council, KBIC Natural Resources Committee, employees from the Ojibwa Community College, KBIC Summer Youth workers, planners and employees, CCTU, MDNR, USFWS, local VFW members, etc.)

2008 donors were: A-1 Toy-Lots, ACE Hardware-L'Anse, American Legion Post 444, Auto-Pro Glass and Tire-Baraga, Auto Value-L'Anse, Arby's-Houghton, Baraga County 4-H, Baraga County Federal Credit Union, Baraga Drive-in, Baraga State Park (Jenna), Baraga Telephone Company, Bay Auto-Baraga, Bayshore BP- Baraga, Bayshore Vet-L'Anse, Bayview Family Practice, Bianco Plumbing & Heating-L'Anse, Book World-Houghton, Burger King-L'Anse, Carla's Restaurant US-41, Carmike Copper 5, Citgo-L'Anse, Citizens Bank-L'Anse, Commercial National Bank-L'Anse, Copper Bowl Lanes-Hancock, Copper Country Trout Unlimited, Countryside Farm and Garden-Baraga, Crusty's Pizza-L'Anse, KBIC Cultural Committee, Dairy Queen-Houghton, Disney Bait and Tackle-Baraga, Domino's Pizza-Houghton, Downwind Sports-Houghton, Dunham's Sport's-Houghton, Eagle Radio-Baraga, Erickson's Tru-Value-L'Anse, Festival Foods-Houghton, Frostie Freeze-L'Anse, Gambles-L'Anse, Gander Mountain-Marquette, Hardee's-Houghton, Hilltop Restaurant-L'Anse, Holiday-L'Anse, Homestead Graphics-Baraga, Huron Bay Trading Post-Skanee, Indian Country Sports-L'Anse, Irene's Pizza-Baraga, J&J Repair-L'Anse, KB Ojibwa Community College, KBIC Medical Clinic, KBIC Summer Youth, KBIC Tire-Baraga, KBIC Tribal Construction, Keweenaw Bay Outfitters-Baraga, Keweenaw Co-op, Kissel's-L'Anse, Lake Superior Tree Farm, L'Anse Family Dentistry, L'Anse Golf Club, L'Anse Sentinel, Larry's Market-Baraga, Linna's Bridal/Flower & Gifts, Little Ceaser's Pizza-Houghton, Lute's Corner Store-L'Anse, Marquette Children's Museum, McDonald's-Houghton, Mitch's Trading Post-

Baraga, Morin Fireworks-Baraga, MTU AISES, KBIC Natural Resource Committee, Night Owl Café-L'Anse, OCC AISES, Ojibwa Building Supply-Baraga, Ojibwa Casino Gift Shop, Ojibwa Casino Enterprises, Ojibwa Housing Authority, Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Ottawa Sportsman Club, Otter Lake Sportsman Club, Pat's IGA-L'Anse, Pelkie Outdoor-Baraga, Perkin's Family Restaurant-Houghton, Pines Convenience Center-Baraga, Pizza Hut Houghton, Pressbox-Baraga, Quincy Fire Dept., Radio Shack-L'Anse, Range Auto-L'Anse, Riley's, Shear Hair Design, Shopko-Houghton, Snowblind Powersports-Baraga, Snyder Drugs-L'Anse, Subway-L'Anse, Superior National Bank, Superior Pizza-Baraga, Superior Rent All, Superior Salon, Superior Video-Baraga, Taco Bell-Houghton, Tapedeck-L'Anse, Thomas Ford Motors-L'Anse, Tony's Steakhouse-L'Anse, KBIC Tribal Council, Unique images-L'Anse, UP Theaters, US Coast Guard, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Local VFW Clubs, Village Drugs, Village Market, Vollwerth's, Wal-Mart-Houghton, Wal-Mart-Marquette, Whirl-i-gig Lanes, Whitetailgear.com, and Wilkinson's Store-Baraga.



### The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Drug Task Force ~ Mission Statement ~

To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of "illegal drugs" for the betterment of the health, welfare and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring communities. KBIC Drug Tip Line 353-DRUG (3784).

ANIN! Our children (young and old), relatives and friends need us to help them lead a healthy, drug-free life. Drug and alcohol problems can be prevented and preventing them starts with us. As parents, caregivers, relatives and friends, we have a tremendous influence on the decisions they make. Our constant communication and caring may inspire them to walk away from drugs and alcohol or to receive the help they need.

Prescription pain relievers are opioids or narcotics. OxyContin is the brand name for an opioid analgesic (pain reliever) - a narcotic. It is available by prescription only, and the most serious risk is respiratory depression. Taking a large single dose of an opioid can cause severe respiratory depression. It can also cause seizures, brain damage, memory loss and hallucinations. The street names/slang terms for oxycontin are killers, OC, OXY, and oxycotton.

Cocaine/Crack is a drug extracted from the leaves of the coca plant. It is a potent brain stimulant, and one of the most powerfully addictive drugs. Cocaine is distributed on the street in two main forms: cocaine and crack. High doses of cocaine and/or prolonged use can trigger paranoia and can produce a particularly aggressive paranoid behavior in users. It also can cause heart disease.

When addicted individuals stop using cocaine, they often become depressed. The street names/slang terms for cocaine are Big C, Blow, Coke, Flake, Freebase, Lady, Nose Candy, Rock, Snow, Snowbirds, White Crack.

Marijuana, the most often used illegal drug in this country, is a product of the hemp plant and the main active chemical is THC which affects the brain the most. Effects of marijuana include problems with memory and learning, distorted perception (sights, sounds, time, touch), trouble with thinking and problem solving, loss of motor coordination, etc. Marijuana smoke also contains some of the same cancer-causing compounds as tobacco, sometimes in higher concentrations. The street names/slang terms for marijuana are Aunt Mary, Boom, Chronic, Dope, Gangster, Ganja, Grass, Hash, Herb, Kif, Mary Jane, Pot, Reefer, Sinsemilla, Skunk and Weed. Be aware of these names and report suspicious activity to the KBIC Drug Tip Line 353-DRUG (3784). Don't give up!

There is also a new program to increase your chances for success in recovering from substance abuse and other addictions. Even if you have struggled for years, there is new hope for recovery. These services will be provided through the "Access to Recovery" initiative of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan with eleven Michigan Tribes to expand access to substance abuse treatment and recovery support services. See more information in a related article. Also see the related announcement regarding the "Clean Sweep" event to be held on August 16th for the collection of household hazardous waste and used and unused medications.

"Don't let your life be confined by drug or alcohol addiction, know that for every lock, there is a key."



## **Enjoying July 4th Activities — Keweenaw Bay Indian Community** TEMEENAW BAY CINBUM COMMIUNITY COLLEGE



Introducing
Sarah Lynn
Cadotte, born
at Columbia St.
Mary's in Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, on
05/29/2008, to Randall and Karen Cadotte. Sarah was 5
lbs. 5 oz. and was 18
inches at birth.



Introducing Aydn Russell Riutta born on 06/08/2008, to Ann Dowd and Russ Riutta. Aydn was 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches at birth.





### **Miss Keweenaw Bay Candidates**



Seventeen-year-old Jennifer DeCota will be a Junior in the L'Anse High School in the fall. She is the daughter of Lynn Velmer and Mike De-Cota. Jennifer's activities include basketball, teammate of the Rez Runners and a member of the KBIC Youth Club. Jennifer was chosen for the Team Michigan, a Native American Basketball Team that travels to the Native American Olympics which will be held this year in British Columbia, Canada, in August. Jennifer plans on attending college to become a police officer.



Thirteen-year-old Sheila Halverson will be in seventh grade at Baraga High School in the fall. She is the daughter of Paul Halverson and Michelle Eilola. Shelia's activities include fancy shawl dancing, music-rock, playing the alto saxophone, reading, golf, basketball, drum practice, sweat lodges and movie night. She is involved with a club called Straight Edge which has a statement pledge of anti-smoke, drugs, alcohol, and sexual behavior before marriage. She feels her upbringing and the club states why she is a good role model.



Fifteen-year-old Tashina Kauppila will be a Sophomore in the Baraga High School this fall. She is the daughter of Jeanne and Dave Kauppila. Her native name is "Misanaquadikwe" - Clearing the Sky Cloud Woman. Tashina enjoys hanging out with friends, swimming, shopping, basketball, track, cheerleading and volleyball. She is a member of the International Club and the KBIC Youth Club. Tashina plans for college are to attend the University of Michigan to pursue a medical field, or a design school in New York City.



Seventeen-year-old Jessica Lane will be a Junior in the L'Anse High School this fall. She is the daughter of Michelle and Dave Lane, who adopted her at a young age. She is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Jessica's activities include basketball, softball, spending time with family and friends, watching T.V. and everything else a young adult likes to do. She also enjoys most forms of art. Jessica believes to be a good role model for the youth, she needs wisdom to know right from wrong, and that there are consequences for her actions. Jessica respects herself and others. Her future plans are to attend college for art or elementary education.



Thirteen-year-old Megan Tucker will be in the seventh grade at L'Anse High School in the fall. Megan is the daughter of Summer Cohen. Her native name is "Gasmaakwa" - head lady. Megan's activities include figure skating, powwow dancing, hoop dancing, swimming, gymnastics, jumping on her trampoline, soccer, bike riding, watching movies and kayaking. Megan feels she is a good role model for the lifestyle she has chosen, alcohol, drug and tobacco free. She has knowledge in Native traditions and medicines.

### **Weed and Seed Program Hosts DEFY**



Officer Irvin Smith, Canine Officer for the KBIC's Tribal Police Department with Mia, KBIC's Drug Dog, participated in hands-on activities at this summer's DEFY Camp. Shown above, Mia locates drugs in a practice demonstration.

The first Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) camp was hosted by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Weed-and-Seed Program with 26 area youth (ages 9-12) registered. Chris Gerard, Weed-and-Seed Coordinator, states "the program's goal is to build youth self esteem, set goals, and provide them with tools needed to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol." The program was developed originally by the U.S. military and currently is run through the federal Department of Justice. DEFY stresses interpersonal relations and emphasizes leadership and teamwork. Camp participants made lasting friendships and learned a lot about themselves. Throughout their camp experience, youth competed at various tasks, usually as a four person team. The program's curriculum offered education, skill development and physical fitness. At the camp graduation, kids were placed in youth organizations to assist them in meeting goals.

The two-phased program, DEFY, began with the summer camp held this summer. The camp was held July 7-9 and was planned to be fun and challenging. The second phase will begin soon with monthly mentoring with representatives from the Michigan

National Guard and the Marquette U.S. Attorney's Office.

Gerard stated, "DEFY is all about creating positive experiences so the youth will choose healthy alternatives instead of alcohol, drugs and gang involvement, by providing leadership to youth, therefore strengthening our communities." The program's motto is: "Strong Kids—Strong Families... Ready for the Future."





### **BEACH DAYS AT EVEN START**

Beach days and regalia-making, picnics and baby showers: summer is a busy time of family fun and learning at KBIC Even Start.

### KBIC EVEN START

Family Literacy Program ENROLL NOW!

Earn your GED or High School Diploma

Early Childhood Programs for children Improve parenting skills Incentives for participation Transportation and childcare available

Even Start is **free** to all Tribal and Non-Tribal members in Baraga County who are expecting a baby or have children under the age of eight.

Call 353-8161 to register KBIC EVEN START

755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908



Leia Mix and son Kaden enjoys beach day.

KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Program doesn't pack away the learning materials during the summer months. Instead, staff and families plan literacy-strengthening activities to make summer a season to laugh and learn together.

June activities included a family picnic at Sand Point, in addition to the regularly scheduled weekly playgroups. More beach days are on the calendar for July. We will welcome Marie Harju, MSU Extension, to an up-coming playgroup. Marie will provide helpful ideas on safe foods for

the beach and assist our students in planning the next beach day meal at Sand

With the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Keweenaw Bay Pow Wow just around the corner, students have been working on ribbon shirts and shawls for themselves and their children for this community-wide event. Christine Awonohopay, Native American Outreach Coordinator, provided instruction, cultural background, and assistance to participants as they created their special garments.

July will also feature a special event when KBIC Even Start and Healthy Start programs host a family picnic for the children and parents of Even Start, Healthy Start, and the KBIC Pre-Primary Programs. Our month of activities will wind down with a baby shower for one of our mothers-to-be complete with literacy-based activities.

KBIC Even Start congratulates two of our students as they continue summer progress toward the completion of their GEDs by passing recent tests in Iron River. Keep up the good work, students!

### **DRUG CONVICTION REPORT**

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances sec-



tion of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

### Tyler Tolonen, case # 08-059, Controlled Substance.

**Factual Basis:** Defendant tested positive for a controlled substance while on alcohol and drug restricted probation, to-wit: Marijuana.

### Sentenced on 04/30/2008 to:

- 1. \$150 fine.
- 90 days jail, 10 days to be served beginning today (04/30/08), 80 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for lodging and associated costs.
- Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged. Defendant must report to the probation officer on Monday, May 12, 2008, for a mandatory drug test. Defendant is not eligible for community service in lieu of jail time.
- Twelve Eighteen months standard drug/ alcohol restricted probation with \$10 monthly fee. Defendant is subject to random PBT(s) and drug tests, and is financially responsible for the costs of those tests.
- Defendant must complete high school or obtain his G.E.D. and demonstrate progress toward completion while on probation, or obtain employment if not pursuing his education.

### April L. Denomie, case # 07-255, Controlled Substance.

**Factual Basis:** Defendant allowed marijuana to be sold from her residence.

### Sentenced on 06/19/2008 to:

- 1. \$300 fine.
- 90 days jail, 28 days to be served (Defendant will be monitored via tether), credit for 2 days previously served, 60 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for lodging and associated medical costs, if any, and tether costs.
- Twelve months standard drug/alcohol restricted probation with \$10 monthly fee. Defendant is subject to random PBT(s) and drug tests, and is financially responsible for the costs of those tests.

### Tiara Drift, #08-053, §3.1706, Controlled Substance.

**Factual Basis:** Defendant tested positive for a controlled substance while on alcohol and drug restricted probation, to-wit: Marijuana.

### Sentenced on 06/19/2008 to:

- 1. \$150 fine.
- 90 days jail, 75 days suspended, 14 days to be served (Defendant will be monitored via tether), credit for 1 day previously served. Defendant is financially responsible for lodging and associated medical costs, if any, and tether costs.
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to comply with the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
- 4. Six months of standard alcohol/drug restricted probation with \$10 monthly fee. Defendant is subject to random PBT(s) and drug tests, and is financially responsible for the costs of those tests. [Concurrent with case #08-054.]

### **1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE**

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do  $\mbox{next}\cdots$ 

Call Tina Durant @
(906) 353-2626 at
the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.

### Our Deepest Sympathy Mary Frances Spresser August 10, 1914—July 6, 2008 Mary Frances Spresser, 93, of Springfield, I

Mary Frances Spresser, 93, of Springfield, II, formerly of L'Anse, MI, walked on Sunday, July 6, 2008, in her home.

She was born August 10, 1914, in L'Anse, MI, the daughter of Elizior Sr. and Irene Pacard Collins. She married Clarence Spesser on September 30, 1940, in Sheboygan, MI. He died May 14, 1978. Mary was a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Taylorville, and a current member of St. Agnes in Springfield. She graduated in 1935 from St. Anthony of Padua School of Nursing in Chicago, and started the first old age assistance program in Michigan after graduation from nursing school. She was the evening supervisor at St. Vincent Memorial Hospital for many years. After retirement she was a field nurse of United Mine Workers of America for the State of Illinois.

Surviving are her daughter, Nancy S. Calumet of Springfield; sons, Dr. James C. Spresser of Mission, SD, and Roger (Shelia) Spresser of Taylorville; grandchildren: Amy (Matt) McAlster of Mt. Pleasant, TN, Paxton (Stephanie) Spresser of Chatham and Shane C. (Rebekah) Spesser of Murphysboro, TN; great-grandchildren: Maddie McAlister, Josie McAlister, Evan Spresser and Cole Spresser; brother, Elizior "Bucky" Collins Jr. of L'Anse, MI, and sister, LaVerne Perrault of L'Anse, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Lamar Robillard and Dewey Robillard; and one sister, Norma Robillard.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Taylor-ville, with Father Dan Willenborg officiating. Condolences may be sent online at <a href="https://www.mcclurefuneralhome.com">www.mcclurefuneralhome.com</a>. Mary's favorite prayer follows: <a href="https://www.mcclurefuneralhome.com">Indian Prayer</a>

Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.



### OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens is a non-profit, non-political organization that coordinates programs, public and private, which promote the safeguard, the independence and the well being of the Ojibwa seniors of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community by providing leadership, consultation and assistance to the elderly.

The Ojibwa Seniors-Helene C. Welsh Center is located at 208 Main Street, Baraga.

The Executive Board consists of a President (Sandi Pittsley), Vice President (Ron Spruce), Secretary (Loretta Hugo), Treasurer (Roger Duschene), Assistant Secretary (Molly Loonsfoot), and Assistant Treasurer (Aggie Cardinal). Terms of office are for a two-year period with the current terms ending May 2010. Officers are elected by eligible voting members of the OSC on the first Tuesday in May.

Membership consists of persons recognized as Indian with permanent primary and principal residence in Baraga, Marquette, and Ontonagon counties and are at least 55 years of age.

Regular meetings are held monthly at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Meeting dates are posted. The most recent one was on Thursday, July 17th. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th. Decisions for the organization shall be the majority vote of eligible voters at an official meeting. Special meetings may be scheduled by the Executive Board for a specific purpose.

Our senior center was recently renovated with Indian Community Development Blook Grants funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The renovation includes the addition of a tribal ceremonial room and outdoor fire pit. We are still waiting for the furniture.

Last month the seniors presented a resolution to the Tribal Council requesting the senior facility be smoke free and alcohol free. Tribal Council President, Warren C. Swartz, Jr., has notified the seniors that the resolution was passed at their July 12th meeting. The Ojibwa Seniors - Helene C. Welsh Center is now a smoke and alcohol free facility.

Keweenaw Bay elders are members of the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) which consists of twelve Michigan tribes/ bands. Each band has two appointed delegates and an alternate. Meetings are held April, July and October hosted by one of the tribes. Keweenaw Bay hopes to host the April 2009 conference. On July 14-16th, 28 from our center attended the MIEA conference which was hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community. Our official delegates to MIEA are Jan Shalifoe and Mike Duschene. with alternate Roger Duschene. Nominations for president and secretary were held at this meeting with voting to be at the October meeting. Bob Bernard, long time president, was again nominated. Loretta Hugo of KBIC was nominated as secretary. The October 2008 conference will be hosted by the Little Traverse Bay Band of Harbor Springs.

The seniors gave monetary awards to 26 high school grads. Some of the award checks have not been cashed. Please cash those checks, so our account can be kept current.

We donated \$250 to the George Curtis Kids Fishing Derby of June 21st.

Our craft room is in the process of being born again. We hope to have it up and running soon. A number of senior have expressed their desire to volunteer to do this and to man the craft room. Once organized, it will be open Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

KB seniors hosted the MIEA conference July 2006 with a Hawaiian theme. At our recent meeting we donated the props and all decorations to the youth group for their July 18th Youth Dance which will have a Hawaiian theme

Coming up: pasty sale July 31st and August 28th, an Open House when the center is completed, processing of the 2008 Senior Assistance Program, a salad luncheon fund raiser after August, and the senior picnic August 22nd. We are hoping to have the following outings: the U.P. state fair during August 12-17, the Island Resort during November and the Bayfield Apple Festival October 3-5.

Philly Ekdahl is the Nutrition Program Director and overseer of the senior center. Her number is 353-6096. The senior office number is 353-7691.

You are welcome to visit our center and our seniors, and we hope to see you soon. We will keep you updated monthly via this column.

Snowswirl, OSC Executive Secretary

### Anishinaabe Anokii



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908 Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

### JUMBO RIVER BROOK **TROUT STOCKING—2008**



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department (KBNRD) recently completed our annual stocking of Jumbo River strain brook trout. Approximately 43,000 fish were released into surrounding area streams and rivers. The Jumbo River strain is a Lake Superior basin brook trout strain produced from brood stock originally obtained from the Jumbo River in the Ottawa National Forest. These fish are reared at our hatchery in Pequaming. Since 1991, we have worked cooperatively with tribal, federal, and state agencies to enhance and restore native trout populations in streams on and near the reservation and throughout the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Since 1993, KBIC has owned and operated a tribal fish hatchery in Pequaming, rearing both lake trout and brook trout. If you have any questions or comments on KBNRD activities please contact us at (906) 524-5757.



### **NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BROWNFIELDS** TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAM

### To report concerns regarding

**Contact Katherine** Kruse at 906-524-5757, ext.20 or email kkruse@kbic-nsn.gov

- Illegal Dumping
- Contamination Hazardous Materials
- Pollution Concerns

### **KBIC SPRING CLEANUP A BIG SUCCESS**

KBIC Spring Cleanup member services took a different form in 2008. Between June 9th and June 20th, KBIC Tribal members residing within the L'Anse Reservation boundaries, with the exception of Baraga Village residents, were provided with a onetime free curbside pickup of household waste. KBIC Baraga Village residents had previously been provided with vouchers that allowed them free participation in the Village Spring Cleanup Event. During KBIC Spring Cleanup, Tribal Construction provided the curbside pickup service and the Natural Resource Department assisted by pre-screening waste prior to pickup to ensure that unacceptable materials were not collected. Waste collected was hauled to the transfer station in Houghton for disposal. If unacceptable materials are present in a load of waste, the entire load will be rejected by the transfer station. Approximately 40 tons of waste was collected and properly disposed of during this short time. Proper disposal of waste helps to ensure that our local environment is kept clean and healthy. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success. If you have any questions or comments about Spring Cleanup, please call the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.



### **KEWEENAW BAY** FIREFIGHTERS — AT **CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES**

Keweenaw Bay Fire Fighters left Baraga on Monday, June 30th and returned Thursday, July 17th. Both crews were at the Lime Complex fire on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 70 miles west of Redding California. This complex. which is a group of fires, was one of many that was started in June from a massive lightning storm. Personnel: Clint Back, Doreen Blaker, Tom Chosa, Marty Curtis, Darian DeCota, George DeCota, Mike DeCota, Steve Denomie, Georginia Earring, Jordan Ekdahl, Paul Ekdahl, Adam Forcia, Jaren Forcia, Pat Garrison, Charlie Gauthier, Jordan Gauthier, Tim Gauthier, Becky Genschow, Dillon Hollon, Joe Jacker, Ross Jaukkuri, Gerald Jondreau, Michael Johnson, Keith Kraker, Linda La-Freniere, Brandon Lamson, Robert Lamson, Tyler LaPlante, Keith Lofquist, Mike Messer Jr., Eugene Rantanen, Jason Roberts, Josh Robinson, Baghi Sandman-Shalifoe, David Selden, Tony Shalifoe, Mark Usitalo, Dave Varline, Larry Velmer, and Joe Vel-







### ATTENTION KBIC TRIBAL MEMBERS KBIC "Clean Sweep" **Household Hazardous Waste and Pharmaceutical Collection** August 16<sup>th</sup> — Marquette and Baraga

KBIC is providing a one-time free "Clean Sweep" collection event for household hazardous waste and used pharmaceuticals for enrolled KBIC Tribal Members.

Locations:

Baraga - Behind the Bingo Hall next to the Tribal Center Marquette - Community Center adjacent to the Marquette

Casino Date:

Saturday, August 16, 2008 8:30 a.m. to 12:00

Time: Materials:

A list follows of materials accepted and not accepted for the house hold hazardous waste collection. Any used or expired medications can also be dropped off during this event. For more information, contact the KBIC Natural Resources De partment at (906) 524-5757.



You need to register to vote by October 6, 2008!

Now is the time to register to vote for the National Election on November 4<sup>th</sup>

Go to the Michigan voter information website at: https://services2.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/

Where: You can register to vote for federal, state, and local elections by mail; at your county, city, or township clerk's office; or by visiting any Secretary of State Branch office.

**Attention all KBIC Members/Native Americans** in the State of Michigan, ages 18 and up!

In addition, the following State agencies offer voter registration services to their clients: Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Health and the Department of Career Development. Military recruitment centers also provide voter registration services.

We will also have voter registration forms at the Enrollment Office in the Tribal Center, the Health Department, Housing Offices, and Powwow Booth...get your registration form filled out TODAY! Register by 10/06/08!

Times:



ous, corrosive, reactive or flammable. Many common househol

How To Identify HHW: Read the label. Look for the signal words, "Danger- Poison, Danger

Pesticides
Flammables
Motor Oil & Oil Filters
Moth Repellents
Lead or Mercury-containing Paints
Oil Base Paint, Stains, Varnishes Epoxy Catalysts or Hardeners Non-regulated Home Medical Waste Compact Fluorescent Bulbs Weed Killers Transmission Fluid

Examples of HHW to be Accepted:

Metallic Mercury & Lead
Cleaners & Polishes
Car & Rechargeable Batteries
Propane Tanks (small)
Solvents Photographic Chemicals Pool Chemicals Nail Polish & Remover Artists' Paint Fire Extinguishers

Materials NOT Accepted: --

**Materials NOT Accepted** Fluorescent Tubes

Explosives Standard and Alkaline Household Batteries Non-Household Waste

What to Do With HHW: Take your HHW to a HHW collection site by placing the materials in a box If any container is in poor condition or is leaking, place it in a sealed clear plastic bag before taking it in. Du not mix chemicals or transfer chemicals into other containers. Containers holding contaminated gaselim will not be returned. All containers must be labeled

> DO NOT BRING ANY SCHOOL, FARM, GOVERNMENT OR BUSINESS WASTE WITHOUT APPROVAL!



### AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP 3-Day Training Course

HACCP training certification is required to obtain a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community commercial fishing I license. There will be a certification course offered in Brimley, Michigan, during December 2008. Registration fee is \$90. A course agenda may be obtained at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Licensing Office or Natural Resource Department. Registration and travel costs will be paid for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal members who wish to attend this training, through prior arrangement.

Course Information

Date: December 9-11, 2008 **Location:** Bay Mills Community College –

Migizi Hall, 12214 W. Lakeshore Drive, Brimley, Michigan

For registration please contact: Ronald Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University, I (906) 226-3687. For more information please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily

### **August 2008 Calendars Events**

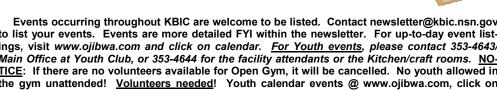
July 31 — Second reading of Appellate Court Division Ordinance, 5 pm, Council Chambers.

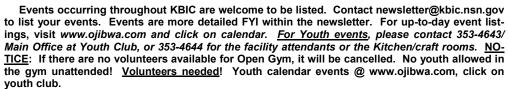
August 11 — Second reading of Tobacco Ordinance, 6 pm, Bingo

August 16 — Saturday Council Meeting, 9 am, Chippewa Room.

August 20 — 12:30 p.m. Ojibwa Seniors Citizen monthly meeting.

August 22 — 11 am—2 pm, Ojibwa Seniors Picnic





### **EVER WONDER HOW YOU'RE GOING TO AFFORD TO BUY A HOME?**

START A BUSINESS? GO TO COLLEGE? NEED A VEHICLE FOR WORK OR SCHOOL? HOME REPAIR AND CREDIT REPAIR FUNDS ALSO AVAILABLE...



(must attend class to be eligible, pick up applications for IDA at Zeba Annex, call Christine or Natalie @ 524-5514 for questions)

Snacks will be sewed

Financial Education Class August 12th and August 14th @ Ojibwa Senior's Center in Baraga 5:00pm to 8:00 pm

Call Christine at 906-524-5514 Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corp. to sign up.



Day Care provided upon request

### **ZEBA INDIAN MISSION—** UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Beginning July 13 — Join us for Worship at the Zeba Campgrounds at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays through August.

Annual Camp Meeting — "Worship in the Outdoors" at the Campgrounds August 3-8, 7:00 p.m. Special Music/Speakers.

Women's Prayer Breakfast — Zeba Campgrounds, August 9, 9:30 a.m.





Ever have a dream of owning your own home? Need Credit Repair to Qualifty for a Home Loan? Down Payment Programs Available.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation is sponsoring a Homebuyer Training Class on August 26th and 28th from 3:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m. at Ojibwa Senior Citizens in

Baraga. (Anyone receiving a FEMA Trailer must attend.) To sign up call Christine LaPointe at 524-5514.





### Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  - 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  - 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  - 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve member's financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve member's ability to maintain their homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  - Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  - 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  - 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  - 4. Home repair for member-owned homes; 5. Credit repair for homeownership; and
  - 6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs.

### MORE NEWS FROM OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Ojibwa Housing Authority (OHA) has invested in a compacting trash truck as part of our new curbside trash service. The curbside trash service, which has been in operation for several months now, is currently set up to serve OHA residents and tribal members that live close to our service area. The curbside trash service monthly rates are set at \$5 for elder and disabled households, \$15 for OHA residents, and \$20 for tribal members not living in housing. The pick up date is every Wednesday morning. One of the main advantages of our curbside trash service is that you can put out your normal bagged household trash and you can also put out irregular trash items like old dressers, beds, etc... The only restriction is on hazardous trash such as car batteries, tires, flammable liquids, etc... We will come by first with our compacting trash truck for pick up of the bagged trash and then we come by with our dump trailer for all the irregular sized trash items. The purpose of this service is to make trash disposal more affordable for everyone so we see less of it stacked in garages, basements, or piled behind houses or even thrown in the woods. If you have not signed up for our curbside trash service and you live in Baraga or L'Anse, call our office at either 524-5514 or 353-7117 and ask to sign up for curbside trash service.

The Ojibwa Housing Authority has a new home construction policy for the new Beartown development in Baraga. In the development, there are a total of 42 lots available for building. We have been awarded a grant from HUD for innovative design that allows us to help subsidize the construction of a custom, super insulated home for you. So far, we have built seven homes and have sold all but the last house to tribal members with a sizeable cash subsidy. The last house is still under construction, and we will have that one completed this summer. That house will be up for sale to the tribal community. In addition in that particular house besides being built as a super insulated house, we added a renewable energy technology to heat and cool the house. The Geothermal heating and cooling system we installed uses the earth's temperature to jump start the heating and cooling needs of the house. It is a system we hope will further reduce energy costs over the lifetime of the house. People might have noticed the road throughout the development is completed, and they can now drive through the development to see how nice it is there. We have water and sewer available at all lots and the Village of Baraga is supposed to install the electricity throughout the development this summer. If interested in learning more about home ownership opportunities in the Beartown development, call Eddy Edwards or Natalie Mleko in the Zeba office at 524-5514.

One last note, we have been building an addition to our Baraga office this summer, so that the whole staff can be in one office. We hope to have the office addition completed by the end of August. Once complete, we can start moving from our Zeba office and other temporary offices into the new office in Baraga and continue serving this commu-

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### **OJIBWEMOWIN** Miinike Giizis — Blueberry Moon — August **Word List FILL IN THE BLANKS** miinan blueberries— m \_ \_ a n miskomin insect — $m_{-}do_{s}$ ode'imin garden — \_ i t \_ \_ e mawinzo $corn \color{red}{\longleftarrow} \, M \, \_ \, \_ \, d \, \_ \, \_ \, m \, \_ \, n$ gitige ant— \_ n i g \_ \_ \_ s mandaamin okaadaak raspberries— m \_ s k o enigoons carrot— o k \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ manidoons pick berries— m a w \_ \_ \_ o strawberries— o \_ e' \_ m \_ n Crossword Across: Down: 1. raspberries blueberries insect corn 3. carrot strawberries ant 5. picks berries garden The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols

### **KBOCC** presents

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**Enhancing Your Workplace Communication Skills Workshops** 

### Workshop I

Writing in the Workplace

Monday through Thursday, August 4-7, 1:00-4:00 pm

Improving your workplace writing skills. Includes reports, records, letters, and memos 12-hour Workshop—1.5 Continuing Education Credit

### Workshop II

Public Speaking in Organizations

Monday through Friday, August 11-15, 10:00 am to Noon

Overcome your fears of public speaking while improving your oral presentation skills.

10-hour Workshop—1 Continuing Education Credit

\$30.00 per Workshop. Free to KBIC Tribal members.

Classes to be held at OCC, Room 113

Contact Cherie Dakota at 353-4628 for information and to register.

### Bay Mills Community College Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program

### KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY Year Two Immersion Classes

### Fall Semester 2008

Courses Offered:

NP161 Ojibwe Immersion I 8 credits Barb Nolan/
NP261 Listening Comprehension I 8 credits Rhonda Hopkins
NP271-A Conversational Immersion I 8 credits
NP281-B Comprehensive Immersion II 8 credits
NP283-C Comprehensive Immersion III 8 credits
NP286-D Comprehensive Immersion V 8 credits

Dates: September 12, 13 & 14, 2008 September 26, 27 & 28 October 17, 18 & 19 October 31, November 1 & 2 November 21, 22 & 23

### Winter Semester 2009

Courses Offered:

NP162 Ojibwe Immersion II 8 credits
NP262 Listening Comprehension II 8 credits
NP272-A Conversational Immersion II 8 credits
NP282-B Comprehensive Immersion II 8 credits
NP284-C Comprehensive Immersion IV 8 credits
NP287-D Comprehensive Immersion VII 8 credits

Dates: April TBA 2009 May TBA June TBA July TBA August TBA



Shown above are students of one KBIC immersion class, during an interactive skit.

### Newly formed alternative and renewable energy committee

Committee Advisors -

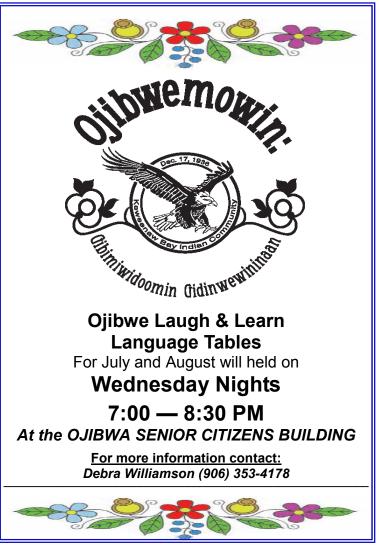
Tribal Council Rep. - William Emery, Natural Resource Director - Todd Warner, Economic Developer (Lead Advisor) - Gregg Nominelli, CEO – Larry J Denomie III

**Committee Representatives:** 

Natural Resources Committee Chair – Kerry Picciano
Economic Development Committee Chair – (pending)
Cultural Committee Chair – Geraldine Mantila
Real Estate Officer – Jason Ayres
KBIC Maintenance Director – Arlan Friisvall
Grant Writer – Jim Stingle
Ojibwa Housing Director – Eddy Edwards









3rd Moby Reunion, Saturday, September 13, 2008, 12 noon-4 pm at the Grand Traverse Band Benzie Tribal Center, 7282 Hoadley Road, Benzonia, Michigan. Please bring your favorite dish to pass plus your table service. Don't forget your cameras and family history to share, and any pictures you'd like to share. Please bring a \$1.00 gift for our buddy bingo table for each person who is attending. Your gift of kinship and friendship makes our family proud to know each and every one of you. See you at the reunion. For more information email Cathy Philo at cphilo504@hotmail.com or mail to: 8865 U.S. 31 Hwy, S., Grawn, Michigan 49637, (231) 276-0048.













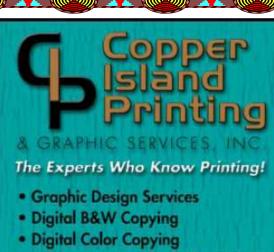


For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit:

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ personnel.htm

### On Call positions:

- \* RN \* Unit Manager
- \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Child Care Provider
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker



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### Tashina Emery-Kauppila Crowned Miss Keweenaw Bay



Fifteen-year-old Tashina Emery-Kauppila was crowned Friday evening, July 25th, as Keweenaw Bay's Royalty for the 2008 term. Tashina is the daughter of Jeanne and Dave Kauppila of Baraga. Tashina was one of five candidates eligible for this year's crown.



Community Maawanji'iding was held July 25-27, 2008, at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. This year's theme was "Honor Our Public Service Providers." With 403 registered dancers and 12 registered drums, participants and spectators enjoyed a weekend of beautiful weather, song and dancers. Tribal President, Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr., gave the welcome following Friday evening's grand entry. The Powwow committee honored the following six elders this year, Elizabeth Galer, James "Jay" Loonsfoot, Charles "Chuck" Loonsfoot, Sr., Violet Friisvall,

The 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay Indian Warren "Jerry" Swartz, Sr. and Loretta Hugo. Buffalo Horse, Minnesota Ojibwa, honored the community as host drum along with Four Thunders, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa, as co-host drum. Other community honors were: Jim St. Arnold (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Veteran Dancer, Lester Drift Memorial Head Male Dancer (Rodney Loonsfoot-Friday evening grand entry, Alden Connor Sr.-Saturday afternoon grand entry, Donald Chosa Jr.-Saturday evening grand entry, Donald Chosa III-Sunday grand entry), Rebecca Genschow (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Female Dancer, Leon Chosa (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Male

**Tribal Council Members:** 

Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President **Toni Minton, Secretary** William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer Larry J. Denomie III, CEO **Doreen Blaker** Elizabeth D. Mayo Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews **Jerry Lee Curtis** 

**Frederick Dakota** 

Warren C. Swartz Jr., President

### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- August 16, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- **KBIC Summer Youth Build Butterfly Houses** for the Zaagkii Project
- **KBOCC** passes Accreditation Eligibility Review
- **Rapid Watershed Assess**ment Project
- **Make A Difference Youth Foundation**
- **Continuing To Protect** The Earth
- **Aabinoojiiyens**
- **Ojibwemowin**



"Chris" President Warren Swartz Jr. welcomes all to the 2008 Maawanji'iding following grand entry on Friday, July 25th.

### August 16, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on August 16, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. Council approved the Department Head reports for June 2008. One of the information items mentioned was regarding the Cultural Committee's Film and Photo Project. Fifteen tapes had been made during the 2007 Cultural Week Workshops, but high expenses prevented the editing of the tapes. Chuck Miller, a KBIC Tribal Member, has expressed an interest through possible contract to produce a documentary or a presentation about the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Chuck Miller has experience in freelance filmmaking. He is currently shooting and editing an environmental documentary, Planet of the Humans. He is currently working on a proposal for the Cultural Committee to assist them with their film and photo projects. The Council will need to review the expense as the Cultural Committee does not have the funds to take on such a venture, and this topic will be brought up again at the budget meeting.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. David Dix of the Michigan Gaming Control Board did an onsite visit July 7-15. The purpose of the sight visit was to inspect the Tribe's Class III gaming related records for the purpose of verifying the reported net win at each Casino derived from all Class III electronic games of chance, and in relation to our 8% payments, making sure they have been properly remitted for fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

Due to the resignation of Leon LaBeau, President Swartz appointed Lawrence "Fulla" Swartz to the Natural Resources Committee.

On July 21st, President Swartz had been informed that one of the transfer homes was in transport to the community and was going to be stored at the industrial park site.

President Swartz corresponded with Jennifer Rajala, City Clerk of Ishpeming, regarding the status of the Marquette Casino in Negaunee Township. She was worried that our direction had changed, and President Swartz wanted to update her that the Council still maintains putting a casino in Negaunee Township.

President Swartz indicated that he welcomed everyone to the 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay Powwow. The powwow was a huge success.

President Swartz met with the Gaming Commissioners per Council's request.

President Swartz reported on CITES an acronym for Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora. These CITES tags must be attached to certain animal skins, including furs, in order to transport them to international markets. The absences of tribal CITES programs has made it difficult for tribal trappers to sell furs. In the past, Federal officials denied CITES authority to Great Lakes Tribes, insisting that tribes participate under state programs. Some tribes felt this infringed on sovereignty and their ability to self regulate, as well as making the process of attaining tags unnecessarily cumbersome to their tribal trappers. Without properly attached CITES tags, fur buyers and many taxidermist decline to purchase or handle pelts. President Swartz had asked Councilmember Fred Dakota to attend the VOIGHT Task meeting on behalf of the Community and to inform GLIFWC that we would be willing to participate in meetings to comply with the CITES tags. It

is a Federal requirement in order to sell otter and bobcat. Fred Dakota did attend that meeting.

The Community received a thank you from Margaret Comfort regarding our donation for Walking The U.P. For Clean Water. Beginning August 17th, a lively group of dedicated and concerned citizens will walk with a support team from Eagle Rock on the Yellow Dog Plains to their final destination on the Mackinaw Bridge. The team will walk across the U.P. to raise awareness about the potential harmful effects of metallic sulfide and uranium mining. For more information see www.savethewildup.org.

President Swartz attended a 2008 Symposium on Sex Offenders Management and Accountability which was held on July 30-August 1 in Baltimore, Maryland. The symposium included key note addresses and concurrent sessions that discussed a wide variety of topics relating to sex offender management and the implementation of the Adam Walsh Act. The symposium also offered specialized tracks focusing on policy, enforcement, emergent issues and other Indian Country issues. SMART administers the standards for sex offender registration; administering grant programs relating to sex offender registration and notification; cooperates with and offers technical assistances of states, territories, local units of government and tribal government; and they also perform other functions as the Attorney General may delegate. Their mission is to insure that sex offenders are prohibited from preying on citizens through a system of appropriate restrictions, regulations and tracking. SMART is an acronym for Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking, of sex offenders. It is important for the Community to continue to get the registration of those sex offenders here on the reservation because currently in Indian Country, sex offenders are forum shopping which means they are looking for jurisdictions that don't have any registration requirements, so they don't have to be tracked when they come to those Indian reservations. This is an attempt to close the loop holes, so we can continue to track sex offenders in Indian Country also. There are a few technical problems that need to be worked out, but we can file for a couple of extensions; however, we do need to show that we are working toward the implementation of the requirements.

President Swartz and Council attended a presentation with the Community held in the Chippewa Room last Thursday to promote comprehensive strategies to reduce crime and revitalize communities. CCDO helps communities help themselves enabling them to reduce drug crime and strengthen community capacity to increase the quality of life here on the reservation and to promote long term community health and resilience. The team will be issuing a final report which will be forthcoming in the near future. There were many good ideas discussed at that meeting.

Regarding ordinances, President Swartz stated that Tribal Council held a second reading of the Tobacco ordinance on August 11th to hear from concerned tribal members. The turnout for this meeting was good, and Council had the opportunity to hear from a number of tribal members. The Council now needs to schedule a third reading of the proposed ordinance. Tribal Council also held a second reading of the proposed Appellate Court ordinance on July 31st, and Council also needs to schedule a third reading of that proposed ordinance.

President Swartz concluded his report stating that he attended a celebration in the Ottawa National Forest near the Bear's Den Lookout sight. It is that place in the Sturgeon Gorge area where one can look out and see everything. It is the next road past the Silver

Mountain and is a beautiful sight. The National Ottawa Forest acquired about 2,000 acres from the Wisconsin Electric Company with the help of U.S. Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Bart Stupak's office. It is great that Wisconsin Electrical Company is giving that to the National Ottawa Forest and that they were preserving it for the next seven generations. Any addition to the Ottawa National Forest is great for the Community because it gives us the opportunity to hunt and fish more land.

Vice President Susan LaFernier gave the Vice President report for July 2008. On July 8, Vice-President LaFernier attended a Drug Task Force meeting. The Task Force continues to work with New Day on possible future projects and will be meeting with the grant writer on possible grants. The Drug Task Force is continuing to work on a billboard and brochures. Please listen for our Eagle Radio station ads regarding Crystal Meth. Remember the Drug Tip Line is 353-DRUG (353-3784). Vice President LaFernier expressed a thank you to Todd Warner and the Natural Resource Dept. staff for coordinating the 2008 KBIC Clean Sweep which was held on the same date as the Council meeting - August 16. Our contested Court hearing on mining has concluded hearing witnesses, and our attorneys have until September 23 to prepare the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. The hearing officer will then either grant or deny the 632 mining permit and Part 31 groundwater discharge permit. There have been discussions about reopening the Humboldt Processing Facility. According to the DEQ, a separate permit would be required under Part 632 for the reopening of the facility because it is not within or adjacent to the site of the proposed mining activities. An amendment of the mining permit for construction of a new haul road and any extensions of the electrical service from Road 550 to the mine site would be required. Vice President LaFernier participated in the IHS Tribal Advisory Board conference call on July 28th and 29th. She participated on the "Keep It In The U.P." Eagle radio show regarding the first "Protect The Earth Summit" held on August 3-4, with Gabriel Caplett from the Yellow Dog Summer group.

Larry Denomie III, CEO, gave a report for July 2008. The month of July was a very quiet month as many directors and employees utilized vacation time. The budget preparation process will begin as fiscal year 2009 is fast approaching. This year will progress a little differently than in the past due to the fact that the finalization of the new wage system is not complete. Notices have been issued to every department within the Tribe requesting they complete as much of their budgets as possible, and once the final wage information is approved by Council, departments will be given a two week period to complete their budgets. Another change in the process this year is the requirement that the General Managers and the CEO's office approve submitted budgets prior to them being submitted for review by Council. This should aid in moving the process along faster at the Council level. The Wage Task Force will be meeting at the end of August and probably two additional times in early September will be needed to complete the work needed to complete the process. The first rounds of wage adjustments were made to employees through grade six in the wage system. Eligible governmental employees' adjustments showed up on their July 25th paychecks, and the eligible enterprise employees received their adjustments in their August 8th paychecks. Every employee received a notice with their paychecks explaining the process and what to expect in the coming weeks. We have received official notice that the Even Start Program will be funded for an-

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other year. The program has been under the direction of Mary DeLine but will soon be led by another director as Ms. DeLine has recently resigned from the program to take a position with Ojibwa Community College. The position has been posted and closed on August 15. Applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled in the near future. On July 25th, Council terminated the contract of Ed Janisse who was serving as the General Manager of the Tribes radio stations. Todd Overbeek, aka "Todd VanDyke", has been placed into the position on an interim basis. Another change to the staffing at the stations will occur as well. Jackie Marinich will be leaving as the Sales Manager since she has accepted the vacant position of Marketing Manager for the Tribes Casinos. Jackie will stay on at the radio stations until a replacement is hired and trained. The annual powwow took place the week of July 24th. Beautiful weather allowed for a nice weekend for the attendees. It has been reported that dancer numbers were down from years past, and it is speculated that fuel prices were the cause. Many hours of planning and organizing go into the event each year and a huge Miigwetch goes out to all those who made it a success including the Powwow Committee, volunteers and workers.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. In July 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular Tribal Council meeting, two finance meetings and four special Council meetings. The regular Council meeting was held on July 12<sup>th</sup> and was covered in the August 2008 Tribal Newsletter. The first special Council meeting was held on July 8, 2008. Actions taken were: waived the GED requirement to hire a former Pines employee and Council agreed to go back to Tribal First Insurance through 3M. The second special Council meeting was held on July 17, 2008. Actions taken were to: approved the meeting minutes of April 10, May 15 and May 28, 2008, waived the survey requirement on the Swartz property acquisition, agreed to move the August 2nd regular meeting to August 16th, approved a donation of \$1,832.76 for John Paul DeCota, approved a donation of \$10,000 to the Native American Rights Fund, approved the Service Agreements of the Pow Wow Head Drums -Four Thunders and Buffalo Horse, renewed the business license of Stacey Koski for Koski's World of Wheels, and approved a donation of \$22,000 in Tribal Construction wages for work to be performed at the L'Anse Sports Complex. The Council met on July 23, 2008, for a Finance Meeting. Council reviewed the audits of the KBIC government, Tribal Construction, Ojibwa Housing and Baraga and Marquette Casino's; reviewed the financial reports through May 2008 of both Casinos, Pines and Radio Stations; made a donation of \$200 to Cally Tolonen and referred a change in policy for graduating seniors to include the Marquette Trust Property to the Education Committee. A second finance meeting was held on July 24, 2008. Council approved Resolution KB1623-2008 - Public Health Nursing grant application; approved an additional \$1,600 for a 2009 Pick-up for the Beartown Firefighters; reviewed the financial reports through May 2008 of the KBIC Government; donated \$5000 to the Jacobetti Veteran's Center for a van purchase; donated \$500 to the Baraga County Auxiliary for the All Women's Fishing Tournament; increased KBIC committee stipends to \$30 and KBIC board stipends to \$85 effective January 1. 2009, due to FICA tax requirements. Council held a special meeting on July 25, 2008. Council approved a donation of \$35,000 and \$15,000 in 2% Funds to the Baraga County Shelter Home if they agree to place the Council's nominee of Wanda Seppanen, VOCA Worker, on the Baraga County Shelter Board, Council also terminated the employment agreement of Edmund Janisse. A special Council meeting was held on July 31, 2008.

Actions taken were: approved the meeting minutes of November 5, 2005, and June 7 and 13, 2008; approved Resolution KB1622-2008 Tanya Miller residential lease; approved Christopher Gerard, William Jondreau, Tyler Larson, and Debra Picciano as candidates for the Ojibwa Community College Board of Regents; reviewed a draft of the Ethics Code; approved the Service Agreement of the Superior Watershed Partnership for the 2009 Clean Sweep; donated \$300 to Suzie Jondreau for an emergency medical request; and held the second reading of the proposed ordinance 2008-03 Amendments to Title One relating to the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court. Larry Denomie motioned to post the Fiscal Year 2007 audits, supported by Toni Minton, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Blaker), motion car-

Jennifer Misegan indicated that she did not have a Treasurer's report completed and would submit one next month for July and August 2008.



The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council presented Jim Feliciano, a representative for Disabled American Veterans, with a check in the amount of \$5,000 towards the purchase of a transportation van for the Jacobetti Disabled Veteran's Home in Marquette. The KBIC emblem will be displayed on the driver's door of the van as their appreciation for the generous donation.

Toni Minton introduced the proposed ordinance 2008-04, Election Ordinance, for a first reading. Toni Minton motioned to waive the first reading of the Election Ordinance 2008-04 due to its length, supported by Jennifer Misegan, nine supported, one opposed (Dakota), 0 abstained, motion carried. Council scheduled a meeting to meet with the Election Board to review the proposed election ordinance in detail for Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. and scheduled the second reading for public review on August 28, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chippewa Room. The proposed ordinance will be made available at different locations throughout the reservation and on the Tribe's website www.kbic-nsn.gov for viewing. Discussions lead to the question of whether or not the ordinance should be sent to the BIA. Attorney John Baker informed Council that the Constitution specifies what ordinances have to go to the BIA. Baker believed the Election ordinance had been amended twice since he has been employed with KBIC and neither of those two amendments went to the BIA. Baker stated that he didn't think that this section, that is being adopted pursuant to under the Constitution, requires that it goes to the BIA. It is an internal aspect of the Tribe; it has nothing to do with external aspects, and the provisions in the Constitution that addresses sending ordinances to the BIA have to specifically deal with external issues and land transfer issues. Baker stated he would provide Council with a specific list of all the ordinances that are required to be submitted to the BIA, but they can not be submitted to the BIA, regardless to what the nature of the ordinance is, until they have been adopted by the Tribe.

Attorney John Baker brought forth a request for a business license renewal for the KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program. Toni Minton motioned to approve the business license for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Pre-Primary Education Program, supported by Jennifer Misegan, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion car-

Council moved into closed business with Attorney John Baker (contract), President Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. (contracts), CEO Larry Denomie III (contract), and Jennifer Misegan (donation) on the agenda.

After closed session the Council approved Service Agreements for the Head Drums of the New Day Pow-wow, approved the Professional Services Agreement of Carlson-Loy and Company and approved the Special Counsel Contract of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON **INDIAN RESERVATIONS**

**NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA** (Effective October 1, 2007)

	48 Contiguous United States	<u>Alaska</u>
Household Size	<b>Income Limits</b>	<b>Income Limits</b>
1	\$ 985	\$1,294
2	\$1,275	\$1,656
3	\$1,565	\$2,019
4	\$1,864	\$2,381
5	\$2,178	\$2,744
6	\$2,492	\$3,116
7	\$2,782	\$3,479
8	\$3,072	\$3,841
Each additional member	+ \$290	+ \$363

Computation of Income Eligibility Standards — The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and standard deduction amounts used for the appropriate

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is \$200 for dependent children under two years of age, and \$175 for all other dependents.

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

\* Can not be on foodstamps.

Digital TV Converter Box Coupon Available to Indian Country — Indian Country, are you ready for the transition? Mark your calendars when TV goes digital on February 117, 2009. If you use "rabbit ears" or a rooftop antenna for over-the-air television signals, your old television may not work after the change.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is working with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) to ensure your digital transitions goes smoothly. While supplies last, the government is offering two free \$40 coupons per household to buy converter boxes. Please visit the LCCR website for more information and to order a converter box coupon at www.civilrights.org/dtv.

### **COLLEGE GRADUATES**

The Education Dept. was recently notified that three more KBIC members received college



degrees. Bryan Hill received an Associate's Degree in Industrial Maintenance from Northern Michigan Univ., Christopher Harsh received an Associate's Degree in General Education from Gogebic Community College, and Emily Mantila received an B.S. degree in Biomedical Engineering from Michigan Tech. Univ. These three KBIC members graduated in May 2008. Congratulations Bryan, Christopher and Emily!

### KBIC SUMMER YOUTH BUILD BUTTERFLY HOUSES FOR THE ZAAGKII PROJECT,

by Greg Peterson, longtime U.P. news reporter and volunteer media advisor for the Zaagkii Project and several other Cedar Tree Institute initiatives

(L'Anse, Michigan) - Translated Mem' en gwa in Algonquian, the butterfly has long been honored in Ojibwa lore, poems and children's games, but Keweenaw Bay Indian Community teens are helping to ensure the butterflies will forever pollinate fruits, vegetables and flowers.

As billions of young honeybees continue to die across the world, and thus are unable to pollinate crops, the KBIC tribe is supporting the Zaagkii Wings and Seeds Project because butterflies fill the important role of pollinators. Experts are unsure why honeybee colonies are collapsing, but pesticides, climate change and other man-made impacts are among the suspected causes.

"Send me butterflies, so that I will be free," states one Chippewa poem while the Ojibwa game "Butterfly Hide and Seek" teaches children to "never to hurt a butterfly" because it's a "gift of good luck if you stayed so quiet that a butterfly would trust you and land on you," according to American Indian internet sites.

The KBIC has long supported initiatives like the Zaagkii Project that were founded by the non-profit Cedar Tree Institute (CTI) in Marquette, including wild rice restoration and Earth Day clean sweeps. The three-year Zaagkii Project is sponsored by the KBIC, CTI, Marquette County Juvenile Court and the United States Forest Service (USFS).

Another important part of the Zaagkii Project is restoring native plants to the oncebarren and polluted Sand Point, a Lake Superior beach that the KBIC cleaned of decade's old copper mining waste.

Surrounded by a chorus of loudly chirping birds as a strong north wind cooled a hot July day along Keweenaw Bay, KBIC teens built butterfly houses at the tribal hatchery along with Natural Resource Department (NRD) Water Quality Specialist Kit Laux and NRD environment specialists Char Beesley and Katie Kruse.

Teens participating in the KBIC Summer Youth Program built and decorate the butterfly houses while learning about pollinators with help from youth supervisors Cody Blue, Kim Klopstein and Nancy Voakes.

Butterflies "transport pollen from flower to flower for reproduction," said Jorey Cribbs, 14, of Baraga who helped build and decorated the butterfly houses. "They use the Butterfly houses for shelter in bad weather."

Sixteen-year-old Dylan DeCota of Baraga said butterflies "help reproduction by transferring pollen from different flowers." "Butterflies use the houses to rest while migrating," DeCota said.

With seven tiny slits as an entrance, Butterfly houses are slimmer and longer than betterknown bird houses.

Fourteen-year-old William Ross-Geroux of Baraga said he "learned that when butterflies, bees, etc. land on flowers and then land on different flowers, they help them reproduce. The Butterfly houses are resting places for the migrating butterflies. It was a fun learning experience."

Fourteen-year-old Briar Nieskes of Baraga said he enjoyed building the butterfly houses while learning about the importance of pollinators. "I learned that when Butterflies land on flowers and they pick up pollen from other flowers this starts the pollination process," Nieskes said. "The Butterfly houses are used for resting places for them during migration."

Seventeen-year-old Ethan Smith and 15-year-old tribal dancer Janelle Paquin worked to build a butterfly house together. "We put the bark on the inside like so – for the butterflies to rest on," said Smith while holding up the butterfly house long ways to show the strips of bark that line the house. "We put on the top so the sunlight doesn't get in, and they can get a good night's rest," Smith said as he affixed the flat roof to the butterfly house. "That's how we do it on the rez."

KBIC NRD Natural Resources Specialist Evelyn Ravindran said, "The tribe is trying to look at the whole lifecycle for the pollinators. One of them is the butterfly and we want to make sure that they have everything that they need in order to survive in an area," Ravindran said. "We wanted to have houses, so you have places for butterflies to rest and also things that they need to survive - so that they would stay in those areas."

Zaagkii Project founder Rev. Jon Magnuson told the KBIC teens that three million Monarch butterflies from across North America "stop and rest" at many places during an annual migration to Mexico. "One of the places they rest - believe it or not is the Stonington Peninsula down by Escanaba," said Magnuson, CTI executive director. "There are thousands - hundreds of thousands of butterflies - that come there. Nobody knew why but now we know why."

Zaagkii Project volunteer Tom Reed told the KBIC teens about 32 years ago the group Monarch Watch first

tracked the butterflies to Mexico. The Monarchs had "a little sticker on their wings – or early on – they just painted a number on the edge of the wing – to track them," said Reed, who has a bachelor's degree in social work. Millions of Monarchs "converge in one small area and they all hang off of each other and drape down off of these trees," Reed said. "They are really vulnerable to extinction."

Klopstein said the butterfly houses "will be presented to the KBIC that will be put in the Pow-Wow grounds. We've got a great team of kids to work with this year," Klopstein continued. "They are good workers."

Negaunee Township beekeeper Jim Hayward gave Marquette teens a tour of his hives that were filled with about 60,000 honeybees explaining the different jobs like workers, drones that don't sting and the all-important queen. Hayward said, "If bees disappear we would have hard luck raising fruits, vegetables, nuts and other commercial crops that we use for our food on an everyday basis."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored the KBIC for restoring Sand Point – the first tribal Brownfield cleanup site in the Midwest – that was polluted about 90 years ago with stamp sands from the Mass Mill that refined copper about four miles to the north along Lake Superior. A six to ten-inch thick soil cap covers 35 acres left barren by the stamp sands, according to Todd Warner, KBIC NRD Director. A prime recreation area with a nature tail and an historic lighthouse will be restored. Future plans for Sand Point include swimming, camping, boating, picnic areas and fishing ponds, Warner said.

Marquette area teens participating in the Zaagkii Project planted 26,000 indigenous seeds at the Hiawatha National Forest greenhouse. Some of those native plants will take root on Sand Point.

"The tribe has always taken a stand that they want to seed – that they want propagation of the native species," Ravindran said. "They want to protect the native species and keep this area the way it is now rather than having the exotics (plants) come in and destroying what we have established. Now that we have the soil capped over at Sand Point – we see it



as a large working area that is wide open to the reestablishment of native plants," Ravindran said. Native plants attract all the life stages of the butterflies.

"It's out in the public view, so it would bring awareness to people all around of the trouble that the pollinators are in and what they can being doing to help – the kind of plants that maybe they can be bringing back to their own home gardens – ways that they can be helping," Ravindran said.

Appearing on a California radio show, a USFS botanist praised the KBIC and Zaagkii Project because native plants "are important sources of pollen and nectar" that makes pollinators "very effective."

"During all the time that these bees and butterflies are active and not dormant is real important," said Jan Schultz, botany and nonnative species program leader at the USFS eastern region office in Milwaukee. "So they've got something literally to eat – from the time they emerge – to the time they go back into their caves or cracks in the trees."

Schultz said "Another issue is the amount of chemicals that we use for gardening, and for lawn control. The chemicals many times are not very discriminant, and so they will kill these pollinators as well as the undesirable species. So it's really important for people to think 'Gee, do I really need to use that?' "

The teens and volunteers were thankful for the tribal government's support of the project and said it made learning fun. "The KBIC Summer Youth Program would like say 'Miigwetch' to Evelyn Ravindran of the KBIC Natural Resource Department and Jon Magnuson's Zaagkii Project for giving us the opportunity to be involved with the building and decorating of the Butterfly houses," Klopstein said.

The Zaagkii Project contributors include the Marquette Community Foundation, the Negaunee Community Fund, the Negaunee Community Youth Fund, the M.E. Davenport Foundation, the Kaufman Foundation, the Phyllis and Max Reynolds Foundation, with assistance from the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum in Marquette and the Borealis Seed Company in Big Bay.

### **Public Notice:**

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is seeking the services of its Tribal members to seat as a delegate at this falls Tribal Constituup-coming tional Convention. As a delegate, you will have the opportunity to influence changes to our Tribal Constitution and to provide a service to our Tribal Community. Please submit your name to Michael Cardinal, **Tribal Constitutional Task** Force Chairman, 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga, Ml. 49908.

### 2008 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Melissa Crebessa, a Northern Michigan University junior from L'Anse, has been selected as the third recipient of the Tribe's Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board, reviewed the applicants and selected Crebessa to receive the scholarship.

Melissa is majoring in Nursing. She is a graduate of L'Anse High School and worked as an intern in the Tribal Medical Clinic this past summer (pictured above).

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe and also encouraged members to seek further education, especially in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe's Health Board as well as their Dental Assistant for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice a year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student, pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program) and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2009-10 academic year will be available in June 2009. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director, at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL SPONSORS TEAM FOR KICKBALL FUNDRAISING TOURNAMENT

The Baraga County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate—for the child's best interests) Program held a fundraising kickball tournament on August 15-17, 2008, at the Aura baseball field. Teams were required to donate \$125 for the Baraga County CASA Program for entry into the tournament. The Tribal Council was one of numerous businesses who sponsored a team for the tournament.

The Team roster included CEO Larry Denomie, Treasurer Jennifer Misegan, Duane Misegan, Peggy Minton, Gary Loonsfoot Jr., Cody Blue, Steven Denomie, Tony Loonsfoot, Everett Ekdahl Jr., Brigette La-Pointe, Dawn Richards, Tyler Larsen, Joey Mattfolk and Travis Lloyd. The team won two of the three games they played on Saturday, August 16th. Sunday morning's games brought two more wins for the team with a final defeat in the afternoon. Tribal Council's team placed third in the weekend tournament. Teammates and spectators had a fun filled weekend participating in the fundraiser.





### EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
- 2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon or Marquette.
- Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades four through twelve are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy also but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

L'Anse Area Schools – Peggy Dunn 524-0367 pedunn@laschools.k12.mi.us

Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau 353-6661 <a href="mailto:hiondreau@up.net">hiondreau@up.net</a>

All others contact Amy St. Arnold 353-4117 amy@kbic-nsn.gov

Houghton, Ontonagon and Marquette students must provide a copy of the student's report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16419 Bear Town Rd. Baraga MI 49908.

### KBOCC SUCCESSFULLY PASSES ACCREDITATION ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

On July 2, 2008, OCC President, Debbie Parrish was notified by the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, that Ojibwa Community College successfully passed the accreditation eligibility review.

An Eligibility Process Panel carefully con-

sidered the documentation OCC provided in the Preliminary Information Form. The purpose of the review was to determine whether an on-site visit, the next step in the process, was appropriate. The Panel reviewed both the quality and quantity of the evidence. The panel concluded that the evidence put forward was sufficient to warrant an on-site visit. The Commission has authorized Ojibwa Community College to prepare its Self-Study Report addressing the appropriate Criteria for candidacy status. The Self-Study Report must be submitted prior to the on-site visit, and the Report is expected to be completed by early October.

Parrish stated, "I am very pleased with the outcome of the eligibility review. Our faculty and staff, along with the Board of Regents, have worked very hard on preparation of the Preliminary Information Report. Additionally, I was honored to have been asked by the Commission to use our report as a model for other emerging tribal colleges." The Higher Learning Commission indicated that OCC was the first and only Tribal College to submit a PIF since the Commission established new eligibility requirements. The Commission also stated OCC's document will be a valuable tool in the resource center at the Higher Learning Commission's Annual Meeting next Spring.



### NEW EMPLOYEE



Becky Chosa, a KBIC member, was hired as the Deputy Court Clerk and began her duties on August 4th. Becky states, "I have been living and working in this area for the past eleven years after moving back from Minnesota. I was most recently employed at the Ojibwa Casino as a dealer/floorperson and now I'm happy to be starting a new position as the Deputy Court Clerk for KBIC." Becky is the mother of four girls. "My youngest daughter,

Charlotte Chosa-Evans, is twelve, and the other three, Amanda, Angela, and Andrea, are grown up and have moved away. I also have eight grandchildren ranging in all ages from ten years to five-months-old. I'm looking forward to getting into the routine of my new job, new hours and working for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."

### **EMPLOYEE CAR WASH DAY**



Managers put into action, tactics learned at the Joe Constance Leadership and Supervisor training held this past spring. On the summer morning of Wednesday, August 6th, the Ojibwa Enterprise employees received a car wash by their boss, free of charge. In a strategy to boost employee moral, managers volunteered to wash employee and customers cars. John Mantila, Baraga property's General Manager, stated, "The managers had fun getting together and washed approximately 35 cars." Paula Rantanen (Security Manager), Gerald Cadeau (Slots Manager), Dominic Picciano (Engineer Director), Gina La-Beau (Bingo Manager), Dotti Pryor (Pressbox Manager), and John Mantila (General Manager) participated in the activity.

### **KBIC Seats Appellate Court Justices**



Tribal President, Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave oath to three KBIC Appellate Court Justices on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, in the KBIC Tribal Courtroom. The current Appellate Ordinance specifies the Appellate Court is to consist of two Tribal Judges from other reservations and KBIC Court Advocacy Attornev. Immediately following their Oath of

Office, the Appellate Court Justices began Status Conferences on the backlog of cases filed with the KBIC Appellate Court. Shown above (left to right) President Swartz, Tom Smithson (Hannahville Tribal Court Judge), Charles Palmer (Sault Tribal Court Judge), and Attorney David Mechlin during the Oath of Office procedure.

### SPRUCE FAMILY REUNION



dents of "Samuel & Margaret Spruce" gathered together at the farm owned by James & Lisa Mantila for a day of family, food, and fun. The day was highlighted by the amazing slide show of family photo's assembled by Mavis Mantila.

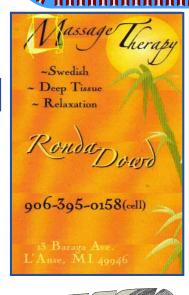
Included in the photo are Sam & Margarets children: Eleanore "Spruce" Seppanen, Barbara "Spruce" Mantila, Rosemary "Spruce" Haataja, and Ronald Spruce, surrounded by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. (Picture to the left — Sam & Margaret Spruce.)



### Register to Vote for the National Election by October 6th!

### Forms are available at:

- your local secretary of state office
- Department of Human Services FIA
- Health Department
- Housing Offices
- Tribal Center





Introducing Laila Dowd, born on 08/13/2008, to Dawn Hueckstaedt and Lawrence Dowd Jr. Laila was 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 18.5 inches at birth.

### KBIC EVEN STARY

**Open Enrollment for** 

**KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Program** 

Earn your GED/High School Diploma
Early Childhood Programs for children
Improve parenting skills
Incentives for participation
Transportation and childcare available
Even Start is free to all Tribal
and Non-Tribal members with children
under the age of eight or are expecting
Call 353-8161 to register

KBIC EVEN START— 755 Michigan Avenue— Baraga, MI 49908

Youth Dancer (with LeRoy Gauthier as a fill-in at Friday evening grand entry), Vanessa Beaver (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Female Youth Dancer. Ted Holappa (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) and Richard "Waubano" Awonohopay (Menominee) served as emcees, Stanley Spruce (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Arena Director, Robert Rajacic (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as As-George Gauthier sistant Arena Director. (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) served as Specials Director, and Paul Halverson (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) as Head Firekeeper. Teachers were JoAnn Racette (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) for Arts & Crafts and Paul Halverson (Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa) for storytelling. Ten-year-old Tom Berentsen of Manistee, Michigan, won the junior fry bread championship; and Tom Marshall of White Hall, Michigan won the adult division fry bread championship. Two-step championship winners for the youth division were Megan Tucker and Raistlin Awonohopay, and in the adult division, the "Whiteman" couple reigned as the champi-

### **Honored Elder Biographies**

Elizabeth Galer — Elizabeth Miller Galer is 81-years-old and was born on November 19, 1926. She is the daughter of the late Alfred and Margaret Miller and is the youngest of five children. Elizabeth is the last surviving member of the original Millers of Dynamite Hill. Elizabeth was married to the late Richard Galer (Yankton Sioux) for 57 years, and together they had seven children, 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Their oldest daughter, Rose, was crowned the Miss Michigan Indian Princess of 1962. Elizabeth is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Ojibwa Senior Citizens and Most Holy Name Church of Assinins.

James "Jay" Loonsfoot — Jay is 77-years-old and was born on February 3, 1931. Jay has been married to Patricia for 47 years and together they have two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jay worked 30 years for the military, 19 years for the government and taught eighth grade for ten years. He has served the community as the director of the Ojibwa Housing Authority, the first game warden for our tribe in the 1970's, and presently teaches at Ojibwa Community College. Jay's special interests are being a historian for our tribe, reading, beading, pottery, hunting and fishing. He has achieved an Associate in Business from Suomi College, BA in Education from Northern Michigan University, and a Masters in Education from Antioch University in Seattle, Washington. Jay is a Vietnam Veteran and a member of the KBIC Tribal Veteran group.

Charles "Chuck" Loonsfoot Sr. — Chuck is 69-years-old and was born on January 24, 1939. He has been married to Molly Shalifoe for the past 36 years and together they have nine chil-32 grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren. Chuck worked for the New Day Treatment Program in their beginning years, and as a truck driver for Tribal Construction. Other tribal community involvement includes his commitment to repair the church, church grounds and the church cemetery of the Most Holy Name Church of Assinins. Chuck's special interests and accomplishments include: hunting, fishing, sobriety and helping get tribal members back on the tribal rolls. Chuck wants the community to know how deeply he feels for his people with honoring them, guiding them, along with respect for all tribal beliefs and all of the people.

Violet Friisvall — Violet is 75-years-old and was born on December 10, 1932. She is the daughter of the late Charles and Susan Marksman, granddaughter of Rebecca Marksmen and Samuel and Hattie White, and great-granddaughter of Peter Marksman, the signatory of the Treaty of 1854 and Methodist Missionary. Violet married the late Kenneth Friisvall and together they had eight children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Violet worked as a Site Manager for Community Action Agency, an accountant for KB Transit Authority, Director of the Ojibwa Tran-



Tom Marshall of White Hall, Michigan, was presented his award for the adult division fry bread championship, by Powwow Committee member Elvera Lantz.

Tom Berentsen of Manistee, Michigan, was presented his award for the youth division fry bread championship, by Powwow Committee member Elvera Lantz.



Honored elders (left to right) Elizabeth Galer, James "Jay" Loonsfoot, Charles "Chuck" Loonsfoot Sr., Loretta Hugo, Violet Friisvall, and President Swartz on behalf of his father, Warren Swartz Sr.



Host Drum — Buffalo Horse (Minnesota Ojibwa)

Ninety-three-year old Women's Traditional Dancer in grand entry.



Head Dancers during Friday night's grand entry (left to right) LeRoy Gauthier (fill in for Head Youth Male Dancer), Vanessa Beaver (Head Youth Female Dancer), Rebecca Genschow (Head Female Dancer), Jim St. Arnold (Head Veteran Dancer), and Rodney Loonsfoot (Head Male Dancer for the Lester Drift Memorial).



(left) Adult Two-Step Champions "Whiteman" Couple. (right) Youth Two-Step Champions, Megan Tucker and Rastlin Awonohopay.

(left) Chelsea Seymour, 2007 Miss Keweenaw Bay, in grand entry.

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sit Authority, and a nurse's aide in the home health care field for 13 years. She is a member of the Zeba United Methodist Church, a KBIC election worker and was a member of the election committee, health board, Title 2 and Title 4 education committees, language advisory board and the enrollment board. Violet's special interests include genealogy, medicine, natural remedies, oral history, historical record keeping, sewing, shopping and visiting with family and friends. Violet's many accomplishments include being proud of her children and grandchildren, and completing her High School education.

Warren 'Jerry" Swartz Sr. — Jerry is 69years-old and was born on March 5, 1939. He is the son of the late Mickey and Clara (Knapp) Swartz. Jerry has been married to Sandra Curtis for 46 years and together they have four children and eight grandchildren. Jerry has worked in construction all of his life; before retirement, he worked with Tribal Construction, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, and owned his own business-Swartz Construction Company. Jerry is involved in the community through the Ojibwa Senior Citizens and the American Legion. His special interests include hunting, fishing, and gardening, and he is a former bowler. Jerry is a veteran and a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Jerry is known on the reservation to the children as, "the candy man who rides around and distributes candy to the youngsters who are playing in their yards."

Loretta Hugo — Loretta is 72-years-old and was born April 14, 1936. She is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Blessed Kateri Takewetha Catholic Church, L'Anse Ladies Gold League, and the Baraga County TRIAD program. Loretta has resided in Zeba most of her life. She was married for 20 years and has seven children, six grandsons and one granddaughter. Loretta is a graduate of the L'Anse High School and the Haskell Indian Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. Loretta's work history includes the BIA Land Management in Parker, Arizona, the Baraga County Memorial Hospital, Director of the BIA Higher Education, KBIC Administrative Secretary, Ojibwa Casino Payroll Department, and she worked as a part-time dealer and cage worker for KBIC, LacVieux Desert, and Hannahville Tribal Casinos. Loretta's activities include golfing and playing bingo.



# Call Tina Durant @

### **Christian Mleko Fund Raisers**

On a bitter, cold night in January of 2008 Christian Mleko, a Northern Michigan University College Student, became stranded in 30 below zero temperatures. As a result, he received severe frostbite leading to the loss of seven fingers. Christian searched the internet and found what is called, "The X Finger". These fingers would give him back the ability to do such things as grasp and type. Christian's insurance does not cover these fingers, and they cost approximately \$8,000.00 a piece. Baraga County community members, along with Christian's family, have begun fund raisers to help with the expenses. Following are the current fund raisers:

Saturday September 20th Baraga Armory Adults: \$10:00 - Children Under Ten \$5:00 Hor d'oeurvres: 3p.m. to 4p.m. Dinner: 4p.m. to 6p.m. Live Auction: 6p.m. to 8p.m. 50/50 Raffle every ½ hour Dancing: 8p.m. to 10p.m. Tickets Sold at Local Business's

Cook Book Sale **Beginning September 1st (Ongoing)** Cost: \$10.00 \$12.00 for those who live out of the Baraga County to cover shipping Contact Natalie Mleko at 353-6666 Roxanne Anderson at 524-6497 Cook Books will be Available at Local Busi-

A Tragedy Fund has also been opened for Christian at Superior National Bank, 201 Superior Avenue in Baraga, Michigan for anyone who would like to send a donation.

Thank you from all of Christian's family to all of you that have helped us out in any way! God's Blessings!

There will be a dance presentation on September 121st at NMU. If you want to dance or know any-I one else who is interested, have them contact the THPO 353-6272 or 353-6278 or <a href="mailto:thpo@kbic-">thpo@kbic-</a> nsn.gov with their name and contact information. Once we have more details, we will be contacting people to confirm their spot for that evening.



### NOTICE:

NRD have some items that were lost at the KBIC Kids Derby are at the hatchery (4 shirts/hoodies).

People can claim them with a call 524-5757, or can stop by the hatchery.

### <u> 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE</u>

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

(906) 353-2626 at

the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appoint ment with a certified business coun selor in the Baraga County area. Ses sions are free and confidential.

### Anishinaabe Anokii First People's Work Center



support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- **Tribal Business Owner Directory**
- **Business Development Resources**
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- **Business Support & Developmental Education Classes**
- Confidential Credit Counseling & **Financial Literacy Classes**
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

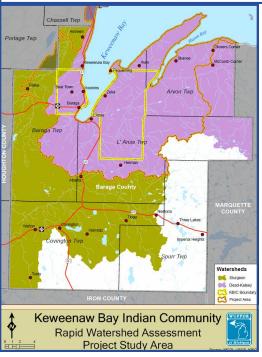
8:00 am-4:30 pm Baraga, MI 49908

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

### Rapid Watershed Assessment Project – How You Can Help



Since late 2007, the Natural Resource Department, Western Upper Peninsula RC&D, Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (WUPPDR), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have been working together to complete a Rapid Watershed Assessment (RWA) project to collect and compile information about watersheds on and around the L'Anse Reserva-These watersheds include the Falls, Silver, Ravine, Slate, Sturgeon, and segments of Lake Drainage watersheds that include smaller streams, such as Linden, Little Carp, and Zeba Creek.

Project work has included watershed road crossing and culvert inventories. Poorly constructed road crossings can add sediment into the stream it crosses. Sediment pollution in streams and rivers degrades fish and wildlife habitat, disrupts spawning, and can raise water temperature and degrade water quality. Poorly constructed or perched culverts can be barriers to fish movement in a stream. Fish movements within streams are critical and maintain healthy fish populations. Spawning migrations may be the most well known type of movement, but seasonal and daily movements upstream or downstream to find food, take refuge from predators, find the preferred temperature ranges, or to find cover are also critical for fish populations.

Work completed to date has identified 25 problem culverts which restrict movement in about 40 miles of streams. Problem road crossings and substandard culverts identified through this inventory will be prioritized for future repair or replacement which will result in improved habitat and water quality for waters on and around the Reservation.

**How you can help -** Recently about 500 watershed newsletters were mailed out to Tribal members. This newsletter includes a survey requesting information from the public about watershed resource concerns. Please help us by completing this survey and returning it to the Natural Resource Department or the Tribal Center. If you did not receive a copy of the newsletter, or if you have any questions, please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.

### **New Ogaa (Walleye) Rearing Facility Construction**

Construction started late last year on a new ogaa (walleye) rearing facility for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The construction site is located just north of Brewery Road and just east of the New Day Treatment Center. An existing livestock pond at this location is being converted into two drainable walleye rearing ponds which will be operated and maintained by the Natural Resource Department. The new facility is being funded using Tribal funds and grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of Agriculture. When the facility is operational, we anticipate that 50,000 to 75,000 walleye fingerlings will be produced each year for stocking. Walleye fingerlings pro-



Upper Michigan Ogaa (Walleye) Common name: Walleye Latin name: Sander vitreus

duced will be stocked into Keweenaw Bay, Huron Bay, and other areas to supplement existing walleye populations and provide for additional harvest opportunities.

We are hoping to start rearing operations in the spring of 2009. Please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757 if you have any questions about this project.

### Natural Resource Department Hatchery Visits and Volunteers

Since May, nearly 500 people have toured or assisted with work at Hatchery Facilities in Pequaming. People of all ages and interests have come to see the coldwater fish rearing facilities and learn about the Natural Resource Department programs. In particular, Hatchery Staff enjoy teaching children about raising and managing lake trout and brook trout. We have hosted and educated several school groups this summer, including:

- Youth Great Explorations groups from Baraga, Hancock, Houghton, Lake Linden, and L'Anse.
- BHK Summer Literacy groups from the Tri-County area.
- Sacred Heart Schools.
- KBIC Day Camp and Pre-Primary Program children.



We have also received volunteer assistance from the KBIC Summer Youth Program, The Cedar Tree Institute, and the Superior Watershed Partnership out of Marquette.

### KBNRD Assistance from Youth.

Members of the Youth Crew of the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) assisted KBNRD in preparing over 20,000 brook trout yearlings for stocking into local streams. As part of a typical hatchery operation protocol, fish that are to be introduced into the wild from a hatchery should be marked in a way that makes them identifiable as being hatchery in origin. In this case, 20,000 fish needed to have one of their fins "clipped", leaving a permanent mark for later survival research purposes. This is time consuming work, and we appreciate the efforts of the SWP Youth Crew!

The Youth Crew also assisted KBNRD in dismantling the adult sea lamprey trap that was fishing in the Silver River May-July. The Kids certainly enjoyed learning about fish and wildlife in the hatchery and in the field. Thanks! (Miigwetch!)



### **Lost Gillnet Net Recovery**

The Lake Superior Commercial Gillnet Fishery is an important source of food and income to businesses and families throughout the Great Lakes region. Commercially licensed fishers from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and other area tribes have harvested lake trout, lake whitefish, and other fish species for many generations. Gillnets of various sizes and materials have been and still are a primary fishing gear.

At times, gillnets are lost for various reasons including storms, sudden strong currents, ice flows, floating debris, or human disturbance. These lost nets are commonly referred to as ghost nets. Recovery of ghost nets helps



minimize the risk of negatively impacting the Lake Superior fishery resource. Gillnets are generally made of durable materials that can last for an extended time.

Since acquisition of the Law Enforcement boat and the installation of the Natural Resources Department gillnet lifter onto the law boat, our departments have worked cooperatively to recover a number of ghost nets. To recover ghost nets, a large and heavy chain grapple is strategically drug across the lake bottom in the area where the net is suspected to be present. Law Enforcement and Natural Resources Staff coordinate these efforts based on information reported by Commercial and Sport Fishers, other Management Agencies, or the general public.

We encourage anyone who encounters a suspected ghost net to collect as much information as possible about the location, depth, and length of the net. Useful information includes GPS coordinates, landmark descriptions, apparent depth, etc. We would also advise that people don't attempt to recover the nets themselves, but instead try to mark the net with a tether line and floating jug or other marker on the surface.

Please help us protect the fishery by calling the Natural Resource Department at 906-524-5757 or the Tribal Police at 906-353-6626 to report suspected ghost nets.



### Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  - 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  - 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  - 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  - 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  - 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  - 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  - 4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
  - 5. Credit repair for homeownership;
  - 6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs.

### Make a Difference Youth Foundation



On August 8<sup>th,</sup> eight of our Tribal Youth attended a conference in Dallas on the campus of Southern Methodist University. The conference was held with other students the same age from Chicago and Dal-The students have been meeting bi-weekly at MTU to utilize global communication strategies to jointly plan

the conference that was held. The intention of the meetings was to plan a conference based on the topic "College Ready." They worked together to create an itinerary of workshops and activities for the conference at SMU.

Students met individually (within their own location, KBIC's being MTU) and held live multi-point videoconferences that connected the three groups into one meeting. Each location needed to facilitate at least one meeting with the responsibility of providing agendas to the other locations and minutes of the meeting, with responsibilities assigned during the meeting.

While at the conference, our students presented a workshop on the Ojibwa culture. Wesley Curtis presented about the drums, Tashina Emery presented about being princess, and Ethan Smith played the flute. The students from Dallas and Chicago were very interested in our culture and were very informed with many new things. The purpose of the workshops was to inform others about each other's culture and to prepare for all the different type of people they will encounter throughout college.

During the trip, the students were allowed a "Day in Dallas" where our youth spent the day at Six Flags. Though the temperature was over 100 degrees, it didn't stop our kids from having fun. Overall our kids enjoyed the experience and would definitely do it again.

The Ojibwa Housing Authority will be holding the following training sessions for the month of September and beginning of October:

### **Homebuyer Training**

September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6 p.m. Harvey Community Building

### **Financial Training Session**

Part I September 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga Part II September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga

### **Financial Training Session**

Part I September 29<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Ojibwa Seniors Citizens in Baraga Part II October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko at 524-5514.

### OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

Our craft room is now in operation. It is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. We are looking for local crafters of handmade Anishinabe items. Contact Ginny Ann at 353-7671.

The quilters schedule at the senior center is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6-ish p.m.

Our July 31<sup>st</sup> pasty sale was a success. We sold approximately 750 pasties. On Wednesday, peeling/cutting day, we had 15 volunteers. On Thursday, baking/selling day, we had 19 volunteers. A big Chi Miigwetch to those hard working volunteers.

Eight seniors enjoyed Senior Day at the U.P. State Fair in Escanaba on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Ron Spruce volunteered to drive our senior van. We left at 8 a.m. and returned at 9 p.m.

The sign up list for the October 6-8, 2008, MIEA conference is filled. A standby list is available. If you find you are unable to attend, please let the Secretary know as soon as possible, so changes can be made. The cutoff date for cancellations is Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be utilizing Superior Coaches.

Copies of the Michigan Indian Elders Association's bylaws are available at the senior office. If you would like a copy, please stop in

Senior Assistance payments have been processed. You should have received notifications of distribution. If you have any questions, contact Philly at 353-6096.

FILE OF LIFE - The File of Life Foundation, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation promoting life-saving ideas. The FOL packet contains medical information designed to provide emergency personnel with necessary medical data to begin immediate treatment. This very simple concept has saved lives. The card, which is kept in a red plastic pocket labeled FILE OF LIFE, is held with a magnet to the outside of the refrigerator. A personal wallet size version is also available. The card lists the patient's name, emergency medical contacts, insurance policy and social security numbers, health problems, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, religion, doctor's name and a health care proxy. Who is at Risk? We all are. Medical emergencies can happen to anyone at any time. That's why everyone needs the "File of Life." But one group in particular needs special emphasis. Did you know 58% of all Emergency Calls are for Senior Citizens? Are they prepared for this? There's panic, confusion, fear and a terrible sense of urgency and helplessness. With the FOL, there is solid information on conditions and medications, it's written down and ready to be utilized immediately by the EMT's. It might make the difference between life and death. We have a supply at the Senior Center (free).

Director's Office 353-6096, Senior Office 353-7691

### The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Drug Task Force ~ Mission Statement ~

To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of "illegal drugs" for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.



### KBIC Drug Tip Line 353-DRUG 3784

ANIN! Our children (young and old), relatives and friends need us to help them lead a healthy, drug-free life. Drug and alcohol problems can be prevented and preventing them starts with us. As parents, caregivers, relatives, and friends, we have a tremendous influence on the decisions they make. Our constant communication and caring may inspire them to walk away from drugs and alcohol or receive the help they need.

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDIC-TION RECOVERY MONTH—SEPTEMBER 2008. This September, celebrate your story with family, friends and treatment providers. Make a difference-voice your experience. Every year, towns, counties and states around the country observe recovery month in September. This year recognizes the impact that real people and real stories have on recovery; they can inspire others to ask for help and improve their lives and the lives of their families and the entire Community. This year recovery month also celebrates those who have worked to advance the treatment and recovery landscape. Addiction is a medical illness, treatment is effective and recovery is possible. Substance abuse disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2% of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, or Alzheimer's disease combined. Regaining control of your life can be accomplished, and if you have a problem with addiction, there are real solutions to get you on your way. The KBIC's New Day Treatment Center can help, call (906) 524-4411. New Day will be submitting an article on their services in the near future, and they to are celebrating National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month with successes. Congratulations New Day for a job well done for many years.

There is also a new program to increase your chances for success in recovering from substance abuse and other addictions. Even if you have struggled for years, there is new hope for recovery. These services will be provided through the "Access to Recovery" initiative of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan with eleven Michigan Tribes to expand access to substance abuse treatment and recovery support services. There are brochures available at the New Day Treatment Center, Tribal Center, and the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center.

"Don't let your life be confined by drug or alcohol addiction, know that for every lock, there is a key."

### CONTINUING TO PROTECT THE EARTH

ANIN! It was so good to see many of you at the activities during Michigan's first "Protect the Earth Summit" held for two days on August 2-3. It was a beautiful day for the walk from the Yellow Dog River to Eagle Rock on Sunday. What greater place is there for us to appreciate our great outdoors, our Great Lakes and rivers, our sacred Mi gi zii wa sin Eagle Rock, and to remember and honor our ancestors.

Last year our teachings at the Pow-Wow centered on "Embracing our past to protect our Future." Since the 1600's, the Ojibwa (Nature's) people have long lived and made their homes in the Upper Great Lakes region. In 1842, the land in the Yellow Dog Plains was ceded to the U.S. government. In our 1842 Treaty, our leaders retained the right to hunt, fish, and gather on these ceded lands to ensure future Ojibwa generations' survival. These rights were not given to the Ojibwa, these are rights that we have always had as the first people to occupy these lands, and I am certain that their intent for all people is to honor and respect this creation and not to blast and tunnel underneath this sacred rock and under a fish filled river. Our Tribal elders know of the spirit of this area from the Great Migration where the Ojibwa followed a route

from the eastern Atlantic seaboard along the Great Lakes and through the Upper Peninsula, as well as from Ojibwa traditional and religious culture. Remember why the eagle flies high; that water is a gift of life and is sacred; the new and old stories told about our history, our families, our way of life and what is sacred; being kind to neighbors; our elders, our mothers and fathers, and remember how respect should be given to each other. It is the gifts that our grandparents and great grandparents shared that help us through the good times and the bad. Take the time to visit with our elders so that learning their knowledge will guide us in how life should be and will be, now and in the future.

The Tribal Council's position on mining has not changed since 2004 when we adopted a resolution which found that Kennecott's proposed mining deeply offends the traditional and cultural values of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The gains from the mine are far outweighed by the potential for permanent and severe damage to the natural resources of our Indian Community and State along with the risks of human health from the associated acid mine drainage for generations and generations to come. The KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, the National Wildlife Federation and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve assembled a team of over twenty experts to provide a detailed review of the Kennecott Mining Application after it was filed with the State in February 2006. These experts found numerous significant problems with the application in virtually every technical category and major problems were also found with the air use and the groundwater discharge permits. After the submission of approximately 1,000 pages describing the deficiencies to the MDEQ on October 17, 2007. submission of over 4,000 public comments opposing the project and submission of 10,000 petition signatures the MDEQ still issued the mining permit on December 14, 2007. This all continues to be reviewed today with our Contested Case Hearing in Lansing. I urge all of you and your friends to become educated and learn all there is regarding sulfide mining. There is great information on SaveTheWildUP.org website, YellowDogWatershed.org, and NorthwoodsWildernessRecovery.org. I believe that many still do not understand what sulfide mining is. Sulfide mining is a term for hard rock mining. Sulfide mining is not the process used to mine sulfides, but actually the practice of extracting metals (such as copper and nickel) from the sulfide ore body. Sulfides exposed to oxygen and water create sulfuric acid. Precipitation (rain and snow) can cause sulfuric acide to drain from the mine site, a process called acid mine drainage. It has been described as the "most important and widespread" source of pollution associated with the mining industry throughout the world. SULFIDE MINING IS NOT A DONE DEAL. Remember that we have the power to effectively stop developments of unpopular mining plans and must do so. Continue to write letters, tell your friends, go on support walks, and pray. We must do all we can to protect our beautiful share of the Earth before it is too late. I pray that our ancestors' vision and our determination will be honored and that we will allow our water to continue to purify itself as it knows how to do best since creation through Earth's natural process of purification.

The Tribal Council, Community and I thank all of you for your great and noble efforts in stopping this proposed mine and protecting our Earth. It has been a long journey, and you are to be commended. Have a great September as we approach the Fall and Winter season, be safe, enjoy, and may God, the Creator, be with you all and bring you peace. MIIGWETCH.

~ Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President

### OJIBWEMOWIN Manoominike Giizis — Rice Making Moon—September

### **Word List**

nookomis-grandmother
nimishoomis-my grandfather
nimaamaa-my mother
imbaabaa-my father
nimisenh-my older sister
nishiime-my younger sibling (sister)
nisayenh-my older brother
nishiime-my younger sibling (brother)

### **Word Search**

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The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.

### September 2008 Calendars Events

Sept. 1 — Labor Day, Gov't
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Sept. 6 — Saturday Tribal Council Meeting, Chippewa Room 9 a.m.

Sept. 26 — Michigan Indian Day, Gov't Offices Closed

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Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

### Tribal Government Employee Picnic

Tribal Government employees enjoyed an afternoon in the sun at their Annual Tribal Employee Picnic held August 8th. Winners of events were: Pineapple on a string-Cody Blue; Limbo — Kit



(Racette) Laux; Waterballoon toss— Ev Ekdahl and Tony Loonsfoot; Canoe race—Liz Julio and Kit Laux; Horseshoes—Jesse Forcia and Brad Dakota; Reggae relay— Donna Fredricson and Suzy Carlson; Hula dancing (men's) Arlan Friisvall and (women's) Kathy Lanczy; Tug of War— Tribal Maintenance and Tribal Construction. More pictures are available at www.kbic-nsn.gov.

### **AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP 3-Day Training Course**

HACCP training certification is required to obtain a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community commercial fishing license. There will be a certification course offered in Brimley, Michigan, during December 2008. Registration fee is \$90. A course agenda may be obtained at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Licensing Office or Natural Resource Department. Registration and travel costs will be paid for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal members who wish to attend this training, through prior arrangement.

Times:

**Course Information** 

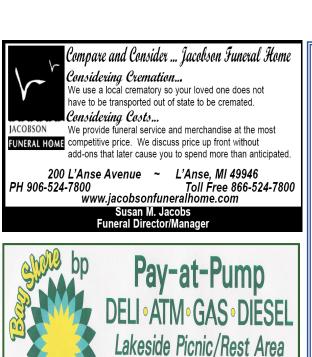
**Date:** December 9-11, 2008

Location: Bay Mills Community College – Migizi Hall, 12214 W. Lakeshore

Drive, Brimley, Michigan

**For registration please contact:** Ronald Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University, (906) 226-3687. For more information please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-15757.

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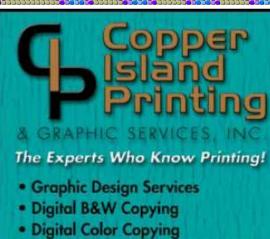
### **Employment Opportunities**

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit:

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ personnel.htm

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All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Binaakwe Giizis - Falling Leaves Moon - October 2008

## LANDSCAPING/EXTENSION PROJECT NEAR COMPLETION AT ASSININS COMMUNITY CEMETERY



Located in Assinins, just north of Baraga, Michigan, within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, fenced between the north end of Mission Road and US 41, lies the Assinins Community Cemetery. A sign located at the entrance of the cemetery states, "As far as anyone can remember, this burial ground has always been here."

Some of the older gravestones date back to the 1840's. History shows as far back as the 1600's, the Chippewa Nation cast their nets in the Keweenaw Bay. Their ancient ancestors told stories of being born in the East and entering the Spirit World in the West. The deceased would be buried in communal ground and Spirit Houses were put over the grave of that individual. The first Spirit Houses were built of birch, elm or cedar bark. Lumber replaced the bark to provide a safer place to leave food and other items needed such as arrows, bows, fishing gear, etc. to aid the deceased in their four-day journey to the Spirit World. The Chippewa would travel annually to meet with other bands for a feast to honor their deceased ancestors. Even in recent years, picnics have been held at the Assinins Community Cemetery out of respect for this custom.

According to one of the four members of the Historical Society, Stephen Hadden, who is also the cemetery Sexton, said, "Bishop Baraga sold this land back to the original 49 Christian Indians around the 1860's. The State foreclosed on that community for back taxes around the early 1900's. The Sheriff, at that time, came over to the Assinins' community and served the papers on those who were living there, not necessarily the owners of the land, which consisted of 480 acres including this cemetery. It was wrong for the State to

foreclose on a cemetery. When has anyone ever paid taxes on a cemetery? In turn, the Church bought it back for back taxes."

For the past two years, the Assinins Community Cemetery has been receiving landscaping and extension efforts. Charles Chuck Loonsfoot Sr., a member of both the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, stated, "About two years ago, I came down here to clean the cemetery and someone talked me into starting to take down that fence." Chuck laughed. "That someone was Stephen Hadden, the Sexton of the Assinins Community Cemetery. So we took the whole fence down, then we cut down some trees in the north end, and then he talked me into putting the fence back up this year. About a dozen of those trees Continued on page four.

**Tribal Council Members:** 

Warren C. Swartz Jr., President Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President **Toni Minton, Secretary** William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer Larry J. Denomie III, CEO **Doreen Blaker** Elizabeth D. Mayo Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews **Jerry Lee Curtis** 

#### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

Frederick Dakota

- September 6, 2008 **Tribal Council meeting**
- **KBIC Youth visit Chi**cago
- Tribal Elections begin with Primary Election
- KBIC participates in Parade of Nations
- **Even Start students ex**plore new software
- **OHA News—Successful** participant in IDA Program
- **Aabinoojiiyens**
- **Ojibwemowin**

## WATERLINE DONATION MADE BY KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

The KBIC Tribal Council approved the donation of funds in the amount of \$22,000 for Tribal Construction's labor and equipment to install a waterline for the L'Anse High School Sports Facility at a Council meeting held in July of 2008.

Tribal Construction recently installed 1,100 feet of 8" waterline at the multifunctional sports complex site that is adjacent to the L'Anse Area School. The new facility will have a new football field, track, soccer field, two baseball diamonds, tennis facilities, and will include shower and office facilities.



## September 6, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on September 6, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. Council approved meeting minutes for November 29, 2005, and July 8, 2008.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. On August 19, 2008, President Swartz gave the Oath of Office to three Appellate Justices at a ceremony held at the KBIC Tribal Court. The three judges now have the authority needed to work on the backlog of appellate cases.

President Swartz met with Bureau of Indian Affairs Official, Gerald Parrish, of the Michigan Agency to discuss proposed real estate services. We are waiting on a final report from the Michigan Agency regarding the meeting.

Gene Emery, Fred Dakota, and President Swartz attended a meeting in Lac Vieux Desert regarding Indians exercising their off reservation treaty rights in KBIC's home territory. This is an ongoing issue that they will continue to monitor. The following day, President Swartz attended a VOIGHT Task Force meeting also held at Lac Vieux Desert.

The Office of the Tribal President, has received word from Jerry Lee Curtis, New Day Administrator, that New Day has received CARF accreditation which is valid for three years. Chi Miigwetch to Jerry Lee Curtis and his staff for their hard work to achieve that status.

On September 2, 2008, the Office of the Tribal President, received a press release from the Dept. of Treasury and Justice announcing a first time initiative to strengthen and foster economical development in Native American communities. The initiative will increase access to financing for existing businesses, create new businesses, increase housing opportunities, and strengthen legal infrastructure. The economic development projects will take place at the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwa Indian Community in Cass Lake, Minnesota, and at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga, Michigan. The ultimate outcome of this initiative will help provide economic structuring in our community.

President Swartz indicated that he continues to correspond with representatives of CITGO's Home Heating Program and is working on the preliminary informational documents to determine if our community is eligible for assistance.

President Swartz met with Baraga Village Manager, Roy Kemppainen, on topics of mutual concern, such as junk cars, unsafe structures, old buildings and exterior property.

Vice President Susan LaFernier gave the Vice President report for August 2008. On August 12, and 16, 2008, Vice President LaFernier attended the Drug Task Force meetings. Remember the Drug Tip line number is 353-DRUG (353-3784).



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community members as they participate in the Mackinaw Bridge Walk on Labor Day, September 1, 2008.

The 2008 KBIC Clean Sweep was held on August 16th in the Big Buck Bingo parking lot. They collected household hazardous waste and old or unwanted pharmaceuticals and over the counter medications in an effort to protect our environment. A thank you goes out to Todd Warner and the Natural Resource Department staff for coordinating that project.

The Court hearing on the contested case on mining has concluded and our attorneys now have until September 23rd to prepare the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. The Hearing Officer will then either grant or deny the 632 Mining Permit and Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit for Kennecott. According to DEQ, a separate permit would be required under Part 632 for reopening of the Humboldt Processing Facility because it is not within or adjacent to the site of the proposed mining activities. An amendment of the mining permit for construction of a new haul road and an extension for the electrical services from road 550 to the mine site would be required. The EPA will be visiting to make their determination regarding the Underground Injection Control Permit that Kennecott needs. There are plans for a public meeting in October. Twelve Keweenaw Bay Indian Community members joined the annual Mackinaw Bridge Walk on September 1st in an effort to heighten awareness of the threats of metallic sulfide mining on our Great Lakes waters. The walk across the bridge marked the ending of a much longer walk which began at the Yellow Dog Plains in an effort to spread the word and gain support for the opposition of the proposed mining by Kennecott Minerals. There were more than one hundred walkers from the Baraga, Houghton and Marquette area. LaFernier thanked the group who attended the first "Protect the Earth Summit' held on August 3-4, 2008, at NMU and the Yellow Dog Plains. Susan LaFernier's speech was published in the September newsletter, page 11. Vice President LaFernier urges everyone to become educated and learn all there is to know regarding sulfide mining. There are many who do not know what sulfide mining is or the destruction that it causes.

On August 14, 2008, Vice President

LaFernier along with many other members of Council attended a day long presentation by the Office of Justice Programs—Community Capacity Development Team on economic development on our reservation. Presented were their findings from the economic development assessment, marketing survey and legal survey from their June visit to KBIC. This information will be used with our future economic development projects and in updating our comprehensive plan.

Vice President LaFernier attended the Government Employee Picnic on August 8. With the beautiful day, our employees had a wonderful time as they participated in the planned and organized activities developed from the hard work of the picnic committee, cooks, judges, and everyone else who helped with the event. Many employees won some wonderful prizes as well. Thank you.

Larry Denomie III, CEO, gave a report for August 2008. With the end of FY 08 approaching, work on FY 09's Memorandum of Agreement with the Ojibwa Community College has begun. Some of the current agreement requirements include assistance from KBIC in preparing for OCC's autonomy such as setting up for their own insurances, accounting, personnel processing, etc. Meetings are scheduled with OCC throughout September.

The CEO's office aided resolution to issues related to the building in which a liquor license is operating out of and the building inspector's orders to stop operations within that building. After meetings with parties involved, it was determined that that licensee needed to comply with the International Building Code. The licensee needs to meet the commercial code requirements for the establishment. The licensee had been issued two orders to cease operations. The owner did comply after the second order was issued for a period of time but had subsequently reopened. The licensee is now complying with the order and is working on meeting the commercial code requirements. The Council has suspended the liquor license and scheduled a hearing for the licensee.

With the expectation of being awarded the ANA Language Preservation Grant

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soon, work on finalizing contract agreements for Earl Otchingwanigan has continued. Earl will be developing the curriculum and teaching the apprentices for KBIC.

The Even Start Program has been officially funded for another year and will be under the direction of Gail Juntunen. Gail Juntunen has accepted the recently advertised Even Start Coordinator position.

On August 6th, the Renewable and Alternative Energy Committee held their first meeting. This Committee consists of seven members with four advisors. A program will be held in September for the committee and other staff to aid in developing a strategic plan.

A sale is being planned for unused departmental equipment. Clayton Ekdahl, Special Projects Coordinator, is heading up the opportunity. A list of equipment is being developed and an advertisement will be forthcoming announcing the date and time of the departmental auction and rummage sale.

The Weed and Seed Grant has been approved for another year in the amount of \$150,000. This program is under the direction of Dale Dakota, Chief of Police, with Chris Gerard as the Program Coordinator. Also unfortunately, the Transfer Station Grant was not funded. We are able to apply again next year.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of August 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on August 16, 2008, and is reported in the September 2008, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on August 4, 2008: approved Resolution KB1625-208 Jeff Mayo Residential Lease; approved Resolution KB1626-2008 Nomination of the Migiziwasin site to the National Register as a Traditional Cultural Property; approved the agreement between the KBIC and Michigan Works Small Business and Technology Development Center Network for services of a business counselor one day per month for current and prospective business owners; approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bay Mills Community College and the KBIC for the Immersion Program; approved Resolution KB1624-2008 Helene Welsh heirs restricted land BIA Timber Sale: approved donations totaling \$4,125; and approved the service agreement of Barbara Nolan and Rhonda Hopkins, Bay Mills Community College Immersion Instructors. August 11, 2008, the Council held the Second Reading of Proposed ordinance 2008-02 Tobacco Ordinance. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on August 11, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of November 10, 2005; reviewed proposed ordinance 2008-04 Election Ordinance with the Election Board; amended the Professional Services Agreement with Carlson-Loy; and approved the request of the Ojibwa Seniors to host the April 2009 MIEA Conference, and approved their costs totaling \$3,500. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on August 28, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of November 21, 2005, June 26, 2008, and June 30, 2008; approved the bid from Swick for a HVAC System for the pool area in the Ojibwa Motel for \$94,495; suspended the liquor license of Jeff Lamson until he com-

## **KBIC Youth Visits Chicago**



(Front row—left to right) Chaperone Jennifer Misegan, Shane Bryan, Tashina Emery, Deanna Varline, Deena Misegan, Shani Shelifoe, Jade Chaudier, Angelica Bogda, Hope Minton, (back row–left to right) Chaperone Gary Loonsfoot Jr., LeRoy Gauthier, Jay Gauthier, Chaperone Alice Brunk, Gary Loonsfoot III, Ethan Smith, Roni Jossens, Chalsea Smith, Jacki Jossens, Chaperone Jeanne Kauppila, and Chaperone Tyler Larson.

On August 19-21, fifteen KBIC Youth took part in the annual summer youth trip. This year's trip included an outing to the Lincoln Park Zoo in downtown Chicago. The following day the kids enjoyed a full day of roller coasters and water rides at Six Flags Great America and Hurricane Harbor in Gurnee Mills, followed by a din-

ner at Joe's Crab Shack. The final day they got to experience a show in the IMAX Theater inside of the Milwaukee Public Museum along with a day pass into the Museum. In order to make the trip, the kids needed to have at least 25 hours of volunteer time throughout the year during their fundraising events.

## **KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund Criteria**

- \* Youth must be a member or child of an enrolled member, to qualify.
- \* Members must live in the service area of Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon and Marquette County.
- \* Each fiscal year, an amount is designated by the KBIC Tribal Council, for each child, age 0-17. The amount is currently \$125.00. The fiscal year begins on October 1.
- \* It is the parent/guardian responsibility to keep track of how much is spent for each child.
- You must submit a receipt for all funding reimbursements.

Requests that will be paid must fall under the criteria listed below:

- Organized extracurricular activity fees, athletic fees, in or out of school. (Example basketball, gymnastics, skating, hockey, skiing, swimming, football, etc.);
- Athletic equipment, to be used for team sports;
- Sports, bible and culture camps;
- School-related activities, such as: band, youth in government, driver's education, and school pictures;
- School clothes

Please submit receipts, with designation of what the receipt is for to the Youth Director. The Youth Director will make out the requisition form, and send it to accounting for processing. Processing requests takes three-five days. The check can then be picked up from the Youth Director, unless other arrangements have been made.

For more information, please call the Youth Director at 353-4643, or come to the Youth Building Office located adjacent to Ojibwa Community College, or email: <a href="mailto:tlarson@kbic-nsn.gov">tlarson@kbic-nsn.gov</a>

## The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Drug Task Force

~ Mission Statement ~

To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of "illegal drugs" for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.

KBIC Drug Tip Line 353-DRUG (3784)

ANIN! Our children (young and old), relatives and friends need us to help them lead a healthy, drug-free life. Drug and alcohol problems can be prevented and preventing them starts with us. As parents, caregivers, relatives, and friends, we have a tremendous influence on the decisions they make. Our constant communication and caring may inspire them to walk away from drugs and alcohol or receive the help they need.

"Don't let your life be confined by drug or alcohol addiction, know that for every lock there is a key."

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came down to put up a lean-to on the waterside of the Church, for the picnic tables there. We needed 14 footers. That is why those trees came down, to cut the rest of the lumber we needed."

Hadden stated, "We started with the landscaping project because a lot of vandalism was going on down here (at the cemetery), and back when they repaved the road, we had the road blocked off by the Church because the semis had that blacktop pounded so badly. Then the semis started coming through the cemetery. We thought, we don't want the cemetery tore apart, and there was so much vandalism we had to do something. When the Dead River Basin washed out, we went and got two headstones down there that were from here. The Statue in the south end of the cemetery was dragged way down here in the middle of the cemetery. Someone was going to probably load it in their truck but found it to be too heavy, I suppose."

Hadden continued, "So we figured by making the road longer that it wouldn't be a thoroughfare and we could have our funeral processions right from the Church down. We have had some processions through the woods when they would just carry the casket. That is what we were originally going to do here just have a nice straight route, but then it just kept growing into putting in the road."

Funding the project has been basically done by donations. The tribe donated \$6900 for the gravel and \$650 for the fence which was purchased from Tribal Construction. The volunteers had hoped for donations of sand and fill from the county and a local road construction company, unfortunately none was received. Judy Smith, a member of both the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the church, made a donation and paid for the first 30 loads of sand at the entrance of the road. Most of the other donations came from the volunteers and has turned into a fair amount for gas and oil alone. The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court has provided community service workers to assist Hadden and Loonsfoot with the endeavor. Hadden said, "Those hours number into the hundreds. Quite regularly we have two or three community service workers, the most being six on one day. Other volunteers (besides Hadden and Loonsfoot) have been Mike Cardinal, John Cadeau, Judy Smith and her kids, Evelyn Ravindran and her kids, and the summer youth group have helped. They cut the grass for us and have for probably the last ten years, possibly even longer. Some of the summer youth workers helped Chuck put up the last of fence. Tribal Construction has made their equipment available as a donation when we make any requests."

Hadden said, "When Father John left here, he had 438 people listed as buried in the cemetery. I have over 1000 people and that isn't counting the original Native Americans buried here. There will never be a complete set of records. I've updated the current records by checking death records in Houghton and Baraga County."

Hadden added, "It's been a lot bigger job than we thought. There's probably thousands of hours in the project now. We made a lot more room for plots and on the north end. We have it all flattened out so if we need more room, we can just move out the fence on that far end."



## **KBIC TO GATHER FOR THE**

## Eagle Books Community Fun Fest

The popular Eagle Books stories will come to life in the Keweenaw, from October 24 to November 1 when Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and Michigan Tech's Native American Outreach will host a celebration of healthy living to help prevent diabetes in American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Eagle Books Community Fun Fest will begin with speakers, displays, and activities included in the MTU Native American Speakers Forum and Spirit of the Harvest Powwow. The festival will open formally at the Niiwin Akeaa Center on Sunday afternoon, October 26 and continue through the week with events for all ages.

The Eagle Books are a series of four books about wise animal characters, Mr. Eagle, Miss Rabbit and a clever trickster, Coyote, who together engage Rain That Dances and his young friends in the joy of physical activity, eating healthy foods and learning from their elders about health and diabetes prevention. More than two million books have been distributed by the Native Diabetes Wellness Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The books are used in many schools, clinics and Head Start programs. Organizers of the Festival of Eagles hope that the engaging, positive messages found in the books will encourage local children and parents to make positive lifestyle changes. Highlights of the festival will include:

- A display of the original Eagle Books watercolor paintings—a replica of an exhibit at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian—that can be seen throughout the entire festival at the Niiwin Akeaa Center (main college building)
- Storytelling by Eagle Books author Georgia Perez, Nambe Pueblo at the opening on Sunday October 26, and in assemblies at Baraga and L'Anse schools on Monday, October 27.
- A "Healing Through Art" workshop for local children with nationally-known painter, Sam English, a member of the Ojibwe tribe, designed to explore Eagle Books' messages through visual arts, tentatively scheduled for Friday afternoon, October 24.
- School field trips to tour the exhibit and take part in a mini-health fair on Tuesday, October 28.
- Talking Circles conducted by Lorelei DeCora, a former Indian Health Service nurse and member of the Ho-Chunk tribe, to encourage parents and other family members to adopt behaviors that will help them and their children eat healthier foods and be active, after school on October 29 and 30.
- Autographs and photos with Mr. Eagle, Miss Rabbit and Trickster Coyote.
- Eagle Books activities for children at the Spirit of the Harvest Pow-Wow
- A display of local art and creative expression to begin on October 31.

"Our local planning group - area teachers, health educators, youth workers, and college faculty and staff who have been planning the *Eagle Books Fun Fest* are excited to bring this fun learning event to our community," said Lynn Aho, of Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. "We know that children love the Eagle Books and so do adults. Everyone is invited, please come."

All Festival of Eagles events are free of charge. More information is available from Lynn Aho at 353-8151, email: diabetes education@hotmail.com

#### **Festival of Eagles Schedule**

## Friday, October 24:

Eagle Books Speakers at the MTU Native American Speakers' Forum; Healing Art Workshop with Sam English for Middle-High School Students (after school)

#### Saturday, October 25:

Eagle Books Activities and Display at the MTU Spirit of the Harvest Pow wow

<u>Sunday, October 26, Niiwin Akeaa</u> <u>Center:</u>

Opening Ceremony, Storytelling, Social Round Dance, and Indigenous Foods Tasting; 3-5 pm

## Monday, October 27:

Georgia Perez visits Baraga and L'Anse Schools – storytelling assemblies

<u>Tuesday/Wednesday, October 28-29, Niiwin Akeaa Center:</u>

Elementary students tour exhibit and mini-health fair; Child and Family exhibit tour and activities for Preschool students and families

Wednesday/Thursday, October 29-30:

Lorelei DeCora conducts health talking circles in Baraga and L'Anse afterschool program time and speaks to KBOCC CE278 students and guests in the evening at the Niiwin Akeaa Center.

<u>Friday, October 31 – Healthier Halloween:</u> (school and community activities)

Exhibit of student and community art and stories begins.

Additional activities in planning stages include a lunchtime presentation for Seniors, a library-based family reading and story-telling event, and guest-speaker presentations for high school and college classes.



## TRIBAL ELECTIONS BEGINS WITH PRIMARY ELECTION

This year our Tribal Elections will begin with a Primary Election. This will be the first year this process will be utilized. During the December 15, 2007, Annual Tribal Election, the Registered Voters of the Community were asked the question of "Do you support a Primary Election in the L'Anse and Baraga Districts to be held in advance of the General Election for the purpose of nominating candidates for Tribal Council at the General Election by a majority vote of eligible voters in the Community?"

Because the results for that Referendum question were YES -285, NO -144, a revision of the Election Ordinance was necessary. This was completed, and the Council enacted them on September 11, 2008.

The Primary Election process is new to our Tribe. Members wishing to place their name on the ballot for an elected office must file their name by October 2, 2008. In the past names were filed in mid November.

## 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION TIMELINE November 1, 2008

- 1. Nomination Deadline (Open 9/18) October 2, 2008 at 4 p.m.
- 2. Voter Registration Deadline October 2, 2008.
- 3. Tribal Council meets to approve Candidates October 4, 2008.
- Deadline to request Absentee Ballot
   October 10, 2008.
- 5. Absentee Voting Marquette October 30, 2008.
- 6. Homebound Voting October 31, 2008.
- 7. Primary Election November 1, 2008.

There are two seats per district on the Tribal Council up for Election each year. In the event that less than four candidates file for those two seats in each District, a Primary Election will not be necessary. Voters will only vote for their District **Candidates**. For instance, if you reside in the Baraga District, during the Primary Election you will only vote for the candidates from the Baraga District, L'Anse district will vote for L'Anse District candidates and Marquette Trust Land Voters will vote in the L'Anse District. The four (4) candidates receiving the most votes will advance to the General Election held in December.

## OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

#### OJIBWA SENIORS 2008-2010 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sandi Pittsley, President Ron Spruce, Vice Pres. Loretta Hugo, Secretary Roger Duschene, Treasurer Molly Loonsfoot, Asst. Secy Aggie Cardinal, Asst. Treas.

Our regular meeting on August 20, 2008, was attended by 28 members. Tribal CEO and Tribal Attorneys were pre-

sent to discuss the possibility of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens organization becoming a non-profit corporation. A meeting will be scheduled in November. All members should attend this important meeting as we may be voting on this issue. A notice of the meeting date will be sent to all senior members.

New members: August - Amy St. Arnold, September - Allen DeCota, October - Frances Drift and Nancy Shalifoe. We hope to see them at our meetings.

October birthdays are: Leona Bolo, Clarence Forcia, Fred Gauthier, Colette Gemignani, Art Gerard, Rose Mary Haataja, Aggie Hueckstaedt, Blue Misegan, Cheryl Pilato, Sandra Pittsley, Lois Robinson, Catherine Sandquist, Dick Shalifoe, Nancy Shalifoe, Ted Shalifoe, Paul Stark, and Janet Walker. Happy October Birthday!!!! and many more.

We humbly apologize for the long wait some of our August 28<sup>th</sup>, pasty customers had to endure. One of our convection ovens was not working properly. The oven is now fixed. Hopefully our next pasty sale will run smoothly. Pasty sales are our main fund raising event. Next pasty sales will be September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We really appreciate the dedicated few who volunteer their time for the two days. On Thursday, they arrive at 5:30 a.m. and spend the next seven hours giving it their all. These seniors are to be commended! Chi Miigwetch!! When they sign up for our outings, no questions will be asked. Hopefully those signing up for future outings and have not been volunteering, will offer their assistance. A volunteer sign up sheet is at the senior center.

A Venison Stew fundraiser is planned for Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ten seniors attended the U.P. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Convention and Expo hosted by U.P. Area on Aging/UPCAP. Miigwetch to Don Carlson who volunteered to drive the senior van.

Forty seniors are scheduled to attend the October 6-8 Michigan Indian Elders Association Conference which is to be hosted by the Little Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa, in Petoskey, MI. Our Keweenaw Bay delegates are Jan Shalifoe and Roger Duschene. The bus will be leaving at 8 a.m., Oct. 6 from the senior center. We will return about 8 p.m. on Oct. 8.

A tentative outing is scheduled for Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> for Apple Picking in the Bayfield, WI area with ten orchards listed, and there are many varieties of apples available. We will also tour places of interest in the area. Last year we toured Madeline Island.

Feel free to contact Philomena Ekdahl, Nutrition Director, 353-6096 or the senior office, 353-7691.

May the Great Spirit watch over you and yours.

By Loretta Hugo, EB Secy

## Open Enrollment for KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Program

Earn your GED/High School Diploma Early Childhood Programs for children Improve parenting skills

Incentives for participation
Transportation and childcare available
Even Start is **free** to all Tribal
and Non-Tribal members with children
under the age of eight or who are expecting

## Call 353-8161 to register

KBIC EVEN START— 755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908

plies with the applicable laws and ordinances of the Community, plus granted him a hearing and agreed to seek an injunction regarding building code violations; approved the removal and installation of two Participation Games at the Marquette Casino; agreed to pay \$8,531 for the Bully Free Schools Program that will be reimbursed by the Indian Health Service; agreed to seek a meeting with the Michigan Highway Reciprocity Board to discuss commercial vehicles; approved the August donations (see Treasurer's report); approved a Recovery Request #001-2008 for airfare to Mesa, AZ; approved the hire and service agreement of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes for development of a Strategic Energy Plan; agreed that only active employees will receive retroactive pay for wage grid adjustments; agreed to contribute \$5000 towards an amicus brief in the Case of the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma vs. Samuel Speck; and held the Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2008-04 Election Ordinance.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for July and August 2008. Twenty-six donations requests were received with nine of them being funded as follows, with the exception of one that is still pending: \$5000—Disabled American Veterans towards a purchase of a van; \$500—Baraga County Eagles Auxiliary for an all Women's Fishing Tournament; \$500—Save the Wild UP sponsorship of their walk to bring awareness to clean water; \$3000—Michigan Tech for sponsorship of the Parade of Nations; \$500-Salvation Army for backpacks for school children; \$125—Baraga County CASA Program which was a sponsorship of a team in their kickball tournament fundraiser; \$125 each—for eighteen female tribal members to attend a cultural retreat Mackinac Island; \$1000—Baraga on County Christian Committee for a fundraiser benefit for Christian Mleko and a \$100 donation of merchandise from the gift shop for their raffle. September 30th, is the deadline to apply for the two percent monies.

Council agreed to schedule the Third Reading of the Election Ordinance 2008-04 on September 11, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Tim Shanahan, Director of Anishinaabe Anokii, presented Resolution KB1629-2008 to authorize the carry over of funds with a no-cost extension of the ANA Grant for the Anokii Center. Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve Resolution KB1629-2008 which formally endorses the request of carryover of funds from the ANA Grant, supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

The Third Reading of Substitute Proposed Ordinance 2008-03 Title One, Composition of Appellate Court and Appellate Procedures was held. Susan LaFernier motioned to approve Proposed Ordinance 2008-03, which is to amend and restate the Proposed Ordinance that was presented at the first reading regarding, Title One and to provide a complete substitute, supported by Jennifer Misegan, ten supported, 0 opposed, one abstained (Dakota), motion carried. Susan LaFernier motioned to approve Proposed Ordinance 2008-03 Appellate Court for the purpose of amending Title one of the Tribal Code, supported by Toni Minton, ten sup-



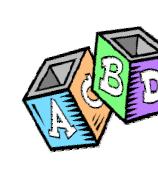
Anin! Autumn Sunshine
Durant born 6/21/2008, to
Stacy DeCota and Dominic
Durant Jr. Autumn
weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and
was 20 inches long at
birth.



Anin! Daniel Robert Connor Jr. born on 8/2/2008, to Dan and Beth Connor. Daniel weighed 9 lbs 15 oz. and was 19.5 inches long at birth.



Peyton Dale was born Sept. 8, 2007, to Amanda Sauvola and Mikey Denomie. He is the Grandson of Mike and Terri Denomie and Dale Sauvola and Julie Donati, and Great Grandson of Clyde and Barbara Swartz and Ann and Oscar Denomie.





There will be open gym every Monday and Thursday, 6:00-8:30 p.m. as long as there is a chaperone.



M e e t Keonna Mix born 8/21/2008, to Leia and Craig Mix. K e o n n a weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 inches at birth.

## **Attention Tribal Member**

## **Artists and Crafters**



The Christmas Party Task Force will be purchasing new art and craft items made by Tribal Members to give as gifts for our Employee Christmas Party. The items will be voted on by the Task Force, and you can present a sample of your work on October 29, 2008, at the Tribal Center between 1:00 and 3:00.

For More Information Contact: Jean 353-4205 or Robin 353-4164





Christmas Party

## NEW EMPLOYEES



Joe Arcand has been hired as the new Clinical Social Worker for KBIC. Joe states. "I have been in the field of human services since 1980. I have worked with adolescents and adults in treatment and corrections settings, for various agencies in administrative capacities, as well as counseling clients dealing with mental health, family

and substance abuse issues. I have also worked for seven years for two tribes

I received my Bachelors Degree in Social Work from NMU in Marquette and my Masters Degree in Social Work from the Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor. I am also licensed in auricular acupuncture. I am from Crystal Falls, have lived most of my life in the U.P. and have raised two children who are grown. My wife and I are currently in the process of moving to L'Anse. We are both happy with the move—this is a beautiful area to enjoy the outdoors by hunting/fishing, picking choice edible mushrooms and berries.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the tribe. Thank you for welcoming me into the community. I will do my best to serve the people of KBIC." Please feel free to stop in or call Joe at 353-4454.



Zena Huhta has been hired as the new KBIC Medical Clinic Receptionist. Zena states, "I am very honored to have been offered this position and look forward to the challenge this position offers.

I am the proud mother of my seven-year-old son, Joshua. We recently moved from our farm into town where we now live in Ojibwa Housing. I love living in town AND ENJOY BEING CLOSE TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

In my spare time I love to spend time with my son, go run-

ning with my Weimeraner, go four wheeling and just enjoy the outdoors. I feel very lucky to be able to be part of such a great Tribal community and am thankful for all that they do for their people."



# PARTICIPATES IN MTU'S PARADE OF NATION

Saturday morning, September 20th, members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community including the KBIC Youth Club and KBIC Cultural Committee joined in with MTU's AISES to participate in Michigan Tech University's Annual Parade of Nations. The parade displayed 72 countries' colors and culture as they marched from Hancock over the bridge to Houghton and concluded at Dee Stadium. The Parade of Nations is a celebration of diversity in the community and on the Michigan Tech University Campus. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a sponsor of the annual event. Housed at the Dee Stadium, multi-ethic performances, authentic cuisine of many nations and vendors followed the parade. The Parade of Nations Director, Lori Muhlig, a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member, along with the support of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community sponsored the Fast Horses performers. The Fast Horses performed for the Multicultural Festival at Dee Stadium and gave a performance in both the L'Anse and Baraga Elementary Schools on Friday, September 19th.

FAST HORSE is a Native American performing family who has been delighting audiences worldwide since 1998. The Lakota Fast Horse family (Reuben, Ash, six-year Calin and three-year old Arwen), credit their success to the fact that they love what they do; entertaining and educating. Transcending age, language and culture, the performance focuses on the evolution of Native music and dance. This intimate relationship with performing is expressed through poetry, humor, magic, audience participation, juggling, storytelling, costumes, fire, song and dance.



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ported, 0 opposed, one abstained (Dakota), motion carried. President Swartz announced that the Ordinance is thereby adopted on today's date.

Council moved into closed business with Treasurer Jennifer Misegan, Attorney John Baker (contract), President Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. (contract), CEO Larry Denomie III (contract), and the Gaming Commission on the agenda.



## The Other Victims of Violence in the Home

#### **Effects of Domestic Violence on Infants:**

- Eating and sleeping problems
- Excessive Crying
- Interruption of child's emotional attachment to others
- Blocked development of age-appropriate skills and abilities

## Effects of Domestic Violence on Pre-school Children:

- . Fear
- Eating Disorders
- Fears of going to sleep, nightmares
- Acting out/temper tantrums
- Overly compliant/clingy
- Withdrawn
- Blocked development of age appropriate skills

## Effects of Domestic Violence on School age Children:

- Fear/anxiety
- Fighting with others
- Hyper-vigilance about danger
- Depression
- Poor academic performance
- Low self-esteem
- Suicide/engaging in dangerous behaviors

## **Effects on Domestic Violence in Teens:**

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Substance Abuse
- Stealing
- Eating Disorders
- Withdrawal
- Low self esteem
- Suicide

Contributed by KBIC/DHHS Mental Health Services, VOCA and Youth & Family Services



## **PUBLIC AUCTION**

KBIC is planning an auction of excess items. The auction will be presented by B. Patient Auctioneers and will be held at the former KBIC Tire Shop.

KBIC AUCTION DATE
HAS BEEN SET —
DATE OF AUCTION IS:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008

Viewing starts at 9:00 a.m. Auction starts at 10:00 a.m.

For more information go to: www.bpatientauctions. com



Natural Resources Department

#### **KBIC Mercury Reduction**

Throughout 2007 and 2008, steps were taken by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) in an effort to reduce the amount of mercury entering the environment. Funding was received from the Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership in 2006 to conduct these activities. KBNRD utilized the funding to plan, conduct, and advertise a mercury thermometer exchange for KBIC Tribal Members, as well as a fluorescent light bulb collection and recycling for KBIC Tribal offices. If broken inside the home, mercury thermometers can pose a threat to human health and can pose a threat to the environment if disposed of improperly (i.e. flushed, thrown in the trash). Because the local solid waste hauler and nearest landfill do not accept spent fluorescent lamps, the proper disposal of spent fluorescent lamps can become a problem.

KBNRD coordinated with the KBIC Department of Health and Human Services to provide a convenient mercury thermometer exchange for KBIC Tribal Members in 2007 and 2008. Instead of conducting a one time exchange event, KBNRD chose to provide a more convenient on-going exchange program. The KBIC Department of Health and Human Services is accepting intact mercury thermometers from Tribal members at the KBIC Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Facility in exchange for new mercury-free, digital thermometers. The Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Facility, located within the KBIC L'Anse Reservation, provides medical and dental heath and education services to KBIC Tribal members from the Reservation and surrounding communities. In June 2007, KBNRD purchased 130 digital, mercury-free thermometers (100 oral and 30 ear thermometers) for the exchange program. KBNRD has also disseminated color flyers advertising the KBIC Thermometer Exchange, as well as published various advertisements in the KBIC Newsletter.

Since July, approximately 50 thermometers have been exchanged through the KBIC Thermometer Exchange. It is unknown how many mercury thermometers exist in Tribal member households. Thermometers are still available to Tribal Members who are urged to utilize this exchange program at the KBIC Medical Clinic. Contact the KBIC Medical Clinic at 353-8700 or Char Beesley, at 524-5757 for more information.

In June 2007, KBNRD also purchased two 'Tri-Guard LampTracker' special disposal containers for the recycling of spent fluorescent light bulbs, through Waste Management's LampTracker Fluorescent Lamp Recycling Program. Each container holds approximately 56 fluorescent lamps. A total of 62 lbs. of fluorescent lamps (approximately 90 lamps) were collected from June 2007 through July 2008 and successfully recycled.



LampTracker fluorescent lamp recycling system.

# KBIC Thermometer Exchange

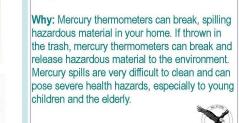
Bring in your old, mercury fever thermometer and receive a mercury-free, digital thermometer AT NO COST!!

(Intact thermometers only– no broken or damaged thermometers will be accepted)

Where: KBIC Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Clinic

When: Normal working hours, 8am—5pm, while supplies last

NO broken or damaged thermometers will be accepted.





## PROGRAM

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
- 2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon or Marquette.
- 3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades four through twelve are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy also but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

L'Anse Area Schools – Peggy Dunn 524-0367 <a href="mailto:pedunn@laschools.k12.mi.us">pedunn@laschools.k12.mi.us</a>

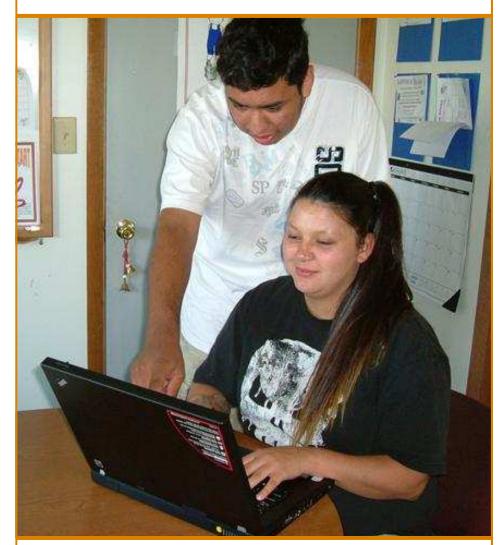
Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau 353-6661 <a href="mailto:hijondreau@up.net">hijondreau@up.net</a>

All others contact Amy St. Arnold 353-4117 <a href="mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov">amy@kbic-nsn.gov</a>

Houghton, Ontonagon and Marquette students must provide a copy of the student's report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16419 Bear Town Rd. Baraga MI 49908.



## **EVEN START STUDENTS EXPLORE NEW SOFTWARE**



KBIC Even Start Adult Education students Brandon and Leia explore the features of the new GED software.

Students enrolled in KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Program have a number of options for individualized instruction as they work toward earning their GED's. In addition to traditional text-books and notebooks, Adult Ed students also progress through the GED - prep program with laptops. The GED is earned by students who pass a set of five tests certifying that the person has high-school level academic skills. To pass the national GED tests and earn a GED credential, students must score comparably to graduating high school seniors nationwide.

Last winter, KBIC Even Start purchased computer software designed to assist those students who may need to pick up a few skills before moving into the GED curriculum. The advantage to the pre-GED computer program is that students become acquainted with the testing format while receiving instant feedback to their progress. Imbedded tutorials also help to build study skills. For students who have been out of the classroom for a number of years, the pre-GED program works well to build confidence for moving into the next levels of study. "I like the fact that I can get a second chance at an answer," student Leia Mix explains. Students will also have the opportunity to access the programs out of class when the KBOCC Library installs them in their computer systems.

In collaboration with the tribe, Even Start was recently able to add another teaching tool to its instruction with the purchase of GED-level software. Students can now progress smoothly from pre-GED studies to the testing preparation software. Student response to this alternative learning method is positive. According to one student, "The laptops are portable and everything you need is right there."

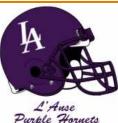
Student progress is tracked and the instructor, John DeLine is able to monitor the areas where students may need additional assistance from him. When both teacher and student feel confident about subject mastery, the student is offered the opportunity to officially test in any subject area they need to complete in their work toward attaining certificates of General Education Development, sometimes known as General Education Diplomas.

According to the program coordinator, Gail Juntunen, the GED has been around for a long time. Originally designed to help World War II veterans returning to civilian life, the GED has become an alternative for people who, for a number of reasons, have not been able to earn a high school diploma. "Our students," states Juntunen, "come to us with goals for themselves and their young families." As they take the steps toward completing their education through our family literacy program, they also allow us to assist them in strengthening the family through home visits and intergenerational literacy activities. It is this holistic approach to family learning that makes our program unique in the community."

# KBIC Weed & Seed teams up with Baraga Flag Football Program to provide positive opportunities for our area youth









Saraga Vikings

KBIC Weed & See

The KBIC Weed & Seed Initiative has partnered with a local parent organization and will be assisting with the 2008 Baraga K-6 Flag Football League. The Weed & Seed Initiative is excited about the opportunity to work with the local parent organization that has created the Baraga flag football league and will assist with providing positive and safe youth activities throughout the community. Elementary students from the Baraga and L'Anse area have been invited to take part in this exciting opportunity. Information about the flag football league was placed in each KBIC department mailbox in early September. The flag football league will run from September 15 to October 16. Questions about the league may be directed to Bill and/or Bucki Jondreau at (906) 353-7676 or (906) 395-7676.

## BARAGA FLAG FOOTBALL SCHEDULE-2008

Sept 11	Thursday	6PM
Sept 15	Monday	6PM
Sept 18	Thursday	6PM
Sept 22	Monday	6PM
Sept 25	Thursday	6PM
Sept 27	Saturday	6PM
Sept 30	Tuesday	6PM
Oct 4	Saturday	6PM
Oct 7	Tuesday	6PM
Oct 11	Saturday	6PM
Oct 14	Tuesday	6PM
Oct 16	Thursday	6PM

<sup>\*</sup>Saturdays will be under the LIGHTS

# JOINING TOGETHER COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL

Who is this for: Community Volleyball is for every individual who wants to make a difference in the world.

How is this going to work: The world is only as strong if we are willing to come together as one.

**How am I going to make a difference:** We, as people, should set aside our differences and focus on the inside of who we are.

What is going to happen: We are going to play VOLLEYBALL not as competition but more as a talking circle.

Why is this happening: This world is going through its most critical state right now; the power of friendship is at all our needs. Knowing that there is someone whom we can lean on when we're in trouble or hurting is the most rewarding power.

## EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:00—8:00 p.m. AT THE OCC.

For more information contact K.B.I.C. Youth Program at: 906-201-0024 or 906-353-4643 Tyler Larson 906-353-4644 Nicole Eagle or Alice Brunk or Tashina Emery, Angelica Bodga, DeAnna Varline or Ethan Smith



## Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

#### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  - 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  - 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  - 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  - 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  - 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  - 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  - 4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
  - 5. Credit repair for homeownership;
  - 6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negauneeproviding profits for housing programs.

## Successful participant in IDA program



Tribal member and housing resident Jody Joki stands next to her recently purchased Ford Explorer. Jody participated in housing's new program that is designed to help tribal members practice saving money and to increase their self sufficiency.

The Individual Development Account (IDA) program is a matched saving program where a participant opens a joint savings account with housing at Superior National Bank and begins saving for a specific goal. In this case, Jody saved for a car that she could use to get back and forth to work. Jody attended financial literacy training in the beginning and started saving money. As she saves money every month, housing matches her savings at a rate of four to one. While she saved a total of \$750 over an extended period, housing matched her \$750 with \$3000.

The IDA program is new to housing and is taking off in terms of usage by the community. There are six goals that can be saved for. They include: down payment for homeownership, starting or expanding business, college tuition, credit repair, home repair, and vehicle purchase for school or work. Some of these programs are out of money already, but we hope to replenish most of them at the beginning of our next fiscal year which starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. Call housing at 353-7117 if you are interested in starting your own IDA!

## Frog and Toad Surveys Help KBNRD Monitor Wetland Health



In the spring and early summer, staff from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) collect information on frogs and toads from 11 wetlands within the KBIC L'Anse Reservation.

There are 13 recognized frog and toad species in this area. Twelve of which are pictured above and below. Concern for area ecosystem health resulted in the development of monitoring programs aimed at establishing long-term abundance and distribution baseline data-sets. Frogs and toads (anurans) are sensitive to environmental disturbances and can be used as a tool for monitoring wetlands, water quality, and ecosystem health. Their sensi-

tivity to pollutants and contaminants and other environmental disturbance means that decreases or changes in frog and toad abundance, distribution, or population health may be indicative of environmental degradation, or other disturbance or change, such as climate change.

Each species of anuran has its own distinct call. Call types and densities are used at each of the 11 index wetlands to estimate species diversity and abundance. Certain anurans begin calling earlier in the spring than others. Occurrence of the first call of spring peepers, for instance, can be tracked over time and changes can be documented. Some scientists

are using the first call of spring peepers to document long term seasonal shifts that may be related to climate change. Three surveys are completed in the spring and early summer for each index wetland over a set period of time. This helps ensure that data sets account for seasonal changes in calling populations of anurans.

KBNRD has established a baseline dataset covering the last 12 years and will continue monitoring local wetland health by studying species of frogs and toads on the Reservation.

For more information about wetland surveys, or to volunteer to assist with KBNRD activities, please contact them at (906) 524-5757.



## October 2008 Calendars Events

October 2 — Nominations and Voters Registration deadline

October 4 — KBIC Auction
October 18 — Halloween
Party/Dance

October 31 — Halloween

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## ANNOUNCEMENT KBIC YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 18, 2008

Party is for Tribal members and first-degree descendants.

Little Kid's Party 12-3 pm, food, games, prizes;

Big Kid's Dance 8 pm— 12 midnight, food, prizes, music, \$2 with costume, \$5 without costume



Call 353-4643 for more information on the Halloween Party/Dance.

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

## Ojibwa Community Library

The Ojibwa Community library now has Webster's Large Print Dictionary. We also have some large print fiction books.

Hours of operation:

MONDAY 1-7

TUESDAY 11-4

WEDNESDAY 1-7

THURSDAY 12-3

FRIDAY CLOSED

Call 353-8163 for more information.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

## Anishinaabe Anokii First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908 Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Tina Durant,
Services Coordinator

## 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

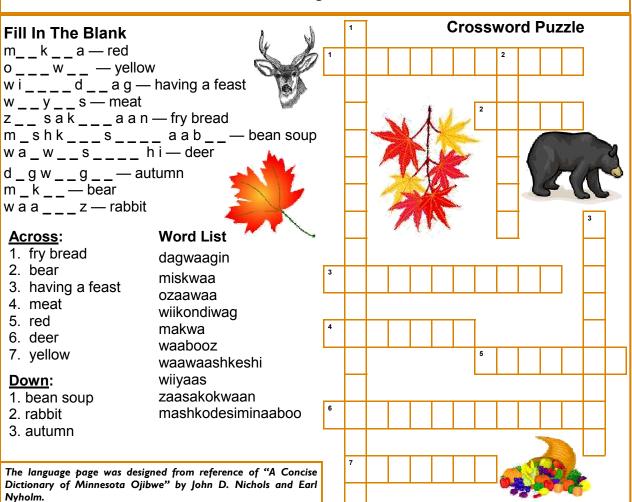
Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at

the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



## OJIBWEMOWIN Binaakwe Giizis — Falling Leaves Moon—October



## Parade of Nations, Fast Horse Performers, continued from page seven.



## AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP 3-Day Training Course

HACCP training certification is required to obtain a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community commercial fishing license. There will be a certification course offered in Brimley, Michigan, during December 2008. Registration fee is \$90. A course agenda may be obtained at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Licensing Office or Natural Resource Department. Registration and travel costs will be paid for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal members who wish to attend this training, through prior arrangement.

**Course Information** 

**Date:** December 9-11, 2008

Location: Bay Mills Community College – Migizi Hall, 12214 W. Lakeshore

Drive, Brimley, Michigan

For registration please contact: Ronald Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University, (906) 226-3687. For more information please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-

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#### **Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**

#### **Employment Opportunities**

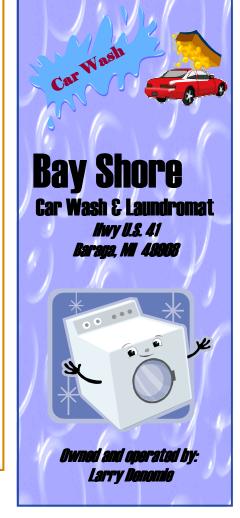
For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit:

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ personnel.htm

## On Call positions:

- \* LPN
- \* RN
- \* Unit Manager
- \* Account Executive/Sales \* Child Care Provider
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker

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## October 4, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting



Forsyth Township Police Department was able to purchase a new patrol unit with the 2% funding received by the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Community's Gaming Compact Distribution. Officer Ronald M. Kangas of the Forsyth Police Department is shown above with members of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council. (left to right) Doreen Blaker, Michael LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, William "Gene" Emery, Frederick Dakota, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jerry Lee Curtis, Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Jennifer Misegan, and Officer Kangas.

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on October 4, 2008, at the Marquette Community Center in Harvey, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* 

items addressed to Council.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. During the beginning of September, President Swartz and Baraga Village Manager Roy Kemppainen met to discuss blight issues, unsafe structures and inoperative motor vehicles. President Swartz requested Mr. Kemppainen to provide the Community with a copy of Baraga Village's Ordinance regarding unsafe structures or those that have been abandoned with the intention

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Miss Keweenaw Bay, Tashina Emery-Kauppila, participated at *United In Dance* — NMU UNITED Conference.

## KEWEENAW BAY DANCERS PARTICIPATE AT NMU'S UNITED IN DANCE

Dancers from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community were invited to participate in NMU's Opening Ceremonies for *United in Dance* on Sunday evening, September 21, held at NMU's Campus. *United In Dance* was the Opening Ceremony for the UNITED Conference held at Northern Michigan University and was made possible by the King Chavez Parks Initiative and the Center for Native American Studies.

April Lindala, Director for the Center of Native American Studies at NMU, emceed the First Nations song and dance presentation. Dance styles were explained to the audience throughout the event by both April Lindala and Eric Awonohopay. Keweenaw Bay singers and dancers participating at the evening's event included: Eric Awonohopay, Christine Awonohopay, Donavin Awonohopay, Rastlin

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NATIVE PRIDE. NATIVE POWER. NATIVE VOTE.
YOUR VOICE COUNTS.

BE SURE YOU GET TO THE
POLLS ON NOVEMBER 4TH!

**Tribal Council Members:** 

Warren C. Swartz Jr., President Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President Toni Minton, Secretary William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary

Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO
Doreen Blaker
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
Jerry Lee Curtis

Frederick Dakota

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- October 4, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- OCC Receives Training Funds
- Strategic Energy Planning
- KBIC Kids' Halloween Parties
- Harvest Feast
- OHA News—FEMA Homes Arrive
- Aabinoojiiyens
- Ojibwemowin
- Deepest Sympathy



KBIC Kids' Halloween Party was held October 18. Shown above is DySean Allen, who won first place in the age four-five category. Story on page six.

that the Community would look at the Ordinance to see if we could come up with codes and standards to take care of those problems.

On September 3, 2008, Assistant Secretary William Emery, Council member Fred Dakota and President Swartz attended a meeting in Watersmeet, Michigan, regarding tribal off-reservation harvest activities in the 1842 ceded territory which was a follow up to the meeting held on July 9, 2008, as a way to further increase dialogue among the tribes regarding the coordination of the exercise of inland spearing, netting and harvesting in the portion of the 1842 ceded territory located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. KBIC representatives reiterated KBIC's decision regarding other Indians harvesting in our claimed home territory and requested that other tribes seek permission from Keweenaw Bay, abide by Keweenaw Bay's Conservation Code, apply for permits from Keweenaw Bay, and come to Keweenaw Bay's Tribal Court for alleged violations. The KBIC representatives recounted KBIC's experiences in trying to coordinate the exercise of tribal fishing in Michigan waters of Lake Superior and expressed a concern that if tribes are not coordinated in exercising their rights, the states may get involved with a detrimental outcome. Focus is to involve high level tribal leaders (council members) on these issues. Consensus of those present at the meeting agreed no process could be made until these hard issues could be addressed which include reciprocity, internal tribal coordination, jurisdictional issues, biological issues and practical issues. Another meeting is scheduled, and KBIC is not going to bend. Our Community is going to continue to regulate other Indians in our home territory. We will continue to assert our rights.

President Swartz and other council members attended a Council for Energy Resource Tribes Workshop to conduct a strategic planning session on alternative and renewal energy. We were given direction on exploring our options for wind and other alternative energy resources.

The grant funding for the Anishinaabe Anokii Center terminated on September 30, 2008. The Community has requested an extension for the grant period for six months utilizing unused funds from prior year's budgets. Council is optimistic the program will be extended.

KBIC has received a grant from Administration of Native Americans (ANA) for our language program in the amount of \$200,000 per year for the next three years. The ultimate goal of this project is to revitalize and preserve Ojibwemowin in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community through development of an intergenerational master apprentice training program and curriculum with the hope that the training of the apprentices will have a pyramid effect. If successful our community will have a vast number of speakers.

President Swartz and other members of the Council attended Traditional Funeral Teachings held at the Ojibwa Casino's Conference room presented by Larry "Amik" Smallwood.

President Swartz made calls to Congressman Hoyer, Miller, Emanuel, and Speaker Pelosi informing them the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act needs to be attached to the continuing Resolution (2) Niizh

(Continuing resolution is a type of appropriations legislation used by Congress to fund government agencies if a formal appropriations bill has not been signed into law by the end of the Congressional fiscal year), health care is important to Democrats, and the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act is the number one legislative priority in Indian Country. Unfortunately again this year we are neglected by Congress. The abortion issues were unresolved, so house leadership prevented the bill from going to the floor for a vote.

Vice President Susan LaFernier gave the Vice President report for September 2008. Vice President LaFernier attended the third day of the KBIC Strategic Energy Planning session on September 12, 2008. The session was conducted by representatives from the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT) and focused on the strategic direction for KBIC to undertake over the next year regarding energy use and development, as well as developing a Strategic Energy Plan. LaFernier stated, "With the current state of fuel prices and projected winter heating costs, accompanied by our nation's economic conditions, each of us should commit to do our part, and we can make a difference to change the world. Please take part in learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth."

Vice President LaFernier met with a WLUC TV-6 representative for a renewal of KBIC's Image Plus program regarding ads with events/programs of our Tribe. The Council did renew the program and you will be viewing new KBIC ads throughout the next year.

On September 16, 2008, Vice President LaFernier attended a Gaming Commission meeting. On September 17, 2008, the Weed and Seed Committee met. There are three separate committees -Weed Committee, Seed Committee, and the Steering Committee. Each of these committees have worked hard prior to obtaining the grant, and the members of each committee continue to give their time after receiving the grant. LaFernier also thanked Chris Gerard, Coordinator of the Weed and Seed grant, for all of his hard work. Thanks to the Tribal Police Athletic League (TPAL) for their summer activities with our youth. There is a new activity planned for thirteen youth who will be participating in a paintball league. The Weed and Seed program will also team up with the Baraga Flag Football program (a local parent organization) to help provide positive opportunities for our area youth. The Weed and Seed program has been implementing a comprehensive strategy to assist our Community and neighboring communities in bringing together people and resources to prevent and control crime, and therefore improve the quality of life within the neighborhoods of the L'Anse Indian Reservation and Marquette Trust Lands. LaFernier stated, "We are looking for a Marquette neighborhood representative." Carrie Ashbrook was in the audience and offered a suggestion for the Weed and Seed Coordinator to look at providing mileage for this representative. Ashbrook, a Harvey resident, stated, "I have been a dedicated member of the committees but had to resign due to the expense of traveling two to four times a month for meetings, at \$20-\$40 each trip." She had been denied mileage reimbursement from the CEO's office. Vice President LaFernier stated she would pass the information along to Chris Gerard.

On September 20, 2008, Doreen Blaker, Chiz Matthews, and Vice President LaFernier had the distinct pleasure to participate in the 19th Annual Parade of Nations which was held in Houghton/Hancock with more than 70 countries participating. Congratulations to our Cultural Committee and Youth Club for winning first prize with their float. It was truly beautiful, and KBIC has received many compliments for the entry.

Vice President LaFernier reminds everyone to remember to vote in the KBIC Primary Elections on November 1, and to vote in the U.S. General Election on November 4. "And... remember the Drug Tip Line is 353-DRUG (3784)."

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of September 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and five special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on September 6, 2008, and is reported in the October 2008, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 9, 2008: approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Indian Health Service for uranium well testing; approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Indian Health Service for the Village of Baraga Water Intake Project; approved UP Engineering for Architectural Services at the Donald LaPointe Health Center in the amount of \$51,950; approved the budget for the Health Center expansion; held a grievance hearing; held a liquor license hearing; upheld the General Manager's decision in Grievance #005 -08; directed TERO and the Human Resources Director to draft a Motel Manager Job Description that includes certification and on-the-job training and to repost the Motel Manager position. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 11, 2008: approved Proposed Ordinance 2008-04 Election Ordinance as amended; approved the purchase of a Ground Hog Surveillance System for the Weed and Seed Program; approved the contract of B. Patient Auctioneers; directed the Gaming Commission to move forward with the Pines Project. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 18, 2008: approved the bid of Cummins Power in the amount of \$41,876.99 for a Diesel Generator for the Pines; approved Resolution KB1630-2008—NCAI Membership Renewal; approved the PICK 2 Poker Agreements for the Baraga and Marquette Casinos; approved increasing the Tribal Health Fund budget by \$102,684; approved the purchase of a Power Edge Server in the amount of \$5,300 to be used by the Health Department for the Electronic Health Record; approved a donation request for a group to attend the Wild Rice Camp held by Lac Vieux Desert—\$125 per Tribal member; renewed the business license and liquor license of BayShore BP owned by Larry Denomie III; approved an Industrial Park Lease; approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Lauri Denomie for the Newsletter; approved the Professional Services Agreement with Harlan Downwind for Traditional Teachings, Ceremonies and Healing; agreed to have the General Manager John Mantila move forward with opening the Pines Slots

# Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College's "Life in Balance: Culture, Science, and Health" Teacher In-Service Workshop Presented for Area Teachers



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College provided a teacher in-service workshop for area teachers on October 10, 2008, the region-wide in-service day. The workshop, titled "Life in Balance: Culture, Science, and Health" featured information about the Eagle Books and the new curriculum developed by KBOCC and seven other tribal colleges, *Health Is Life in Balance*. Debra Williamson of the Ojibwemowin Revitalization and Preservation Program was the keynote speaker.

L'Anse teacher, Rebecca Stroube, and Baraga teacher, Kristiina Vanhala, teamed up to present a closing session featuring practical ideas for healthier classrooms and schools. Both teachers test-taught *Health Is Life in Balance* units last year and could share their experience. In addition, last summer Ms. Stroube participated in creating teacher professional development materials to be used nationally to acquaint teachers with *Health Is Life in Balance*.

The teachers who attended commented positively and requested more professional development opportunities with Ojibwa language and culture. For example, one teacher said, "It was great. Maybe more Native American history (for next time)."

## KBIC WEED & SEED



## **PAINTBALL 2008-2009**

The KBIC Weed & Seed Initiative and the KBIC Tribal Police Department have implemented *PAINTBALL* as one of the Tribal Police Athletic League (TPAL) events. The paintball events will take place in the Zeba Weed & Seed Neighborhood (exact location to be determined). The implementation of paintball will allow youth and young adults to take part in an organized event that will be monitored by KBIC Tribal Police Officers. Paintball is another activity implemented to give our area youth more opportunities to stay active in a positive recreational setting.

If interested, please contact Sgt. Duane Misegan (906) 353-6626 or Chris Gerard (906) 353-4646 for information about location, dates and times of future paintball events.

## DRUG CONVICTION REPORT



In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Derek DeCota, # 08-231, Controlled Substance – 4<sup>th</sup> offense.

**Factual Basis:** Defendant took methadone to get high and did not have a prescription for it.

#### Sentenced on 10/02/2008 to:

- 1. \$1200 fine.
- 2. 12-24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee to run concurrently with case numbers 08-233 and 08-249.
- 3. 180 days jail, 100 days suspended, credit for 34 days served, 46 days left to be served. Defendant can serve the additional 46 days with work release.
- 4. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.
- 5. Ten hours community service.
- 6. Defendant is subject to random PBT's and drug testing and is responsible for the costs of those tests.

## 2008 General Election

The General Election will be held on December 13, 2008.

Voter Registration will close on November 12, 2008. Those members who have not previously registered to vote and are 18 years of age or older as of December 13, 2008 who reside on the Reservation may contact the Enrollment Office at 353-6623 ext. 4113. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is November 21, 2008. All absentee ballot requests must be done in writing. Requests for an absentee ballot may be dropped off at the Enrollment Office or they may be mailed to: Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Election Board, 16429 Bear Town Rd., Baraga, MI 49908.

## **KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund Criteria**

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- \* Youth must be a member or child of an enrolled member, to qualify.
- \* Members must live in the service area of Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon and Marquette Counties.
- \* Each fiscal year, an amount is designated by the KBIC Tribal Council, for each child, age 0-17. The amount is currently \$125.00. The fiscal year begins on October 1.
- It is the parent/guardian responsibility to keep track of how much is spent for each child.
- You must submit a receipt for all funding reimbursements.

Requests that will be paid must fall under the criteria listed below:

- Organized extracurricular activity fees, athletic fees, in or out of school. (Example – basketball, gymnastics, skating, hockey, skiing, swimming, football, etc.);
- Athletic equipment, to be used for team sports;
- Sports, bible and culture camps;
- School-related activities, such as: band, youth in government, driver's education, and school pictures;
- School clothes

Please submit receipts, with designation of what the receipt is for, to the Youth Director. The Youth Director will make out the requisition form, and send it to accounting for processing. Processing requests takes three-five days. The check can then be picked up from the Youth Director, unless other arrangements have been made.

For more information, please call the Youth Director at 353-4643, or come to the Youth Building Office located adjacent to Ojibwa Community College, or email: <a href="mailto:tlarson@kbic-nsn.gov">tlarson@kbic-nsn.gov</a>

## OCC RECEIVES TRAINING FUNDS

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College has received a grant in the amount of \$48,042 to provide two training programs in welding and wood works. The program is designed to provide job skills training for low income, under-skilled, unemployed or underemployed residents in Baraga County in welding and woodworking. The goal of the project is to reduce the unemployment rate and poverty level. This will be accomplished by the following objectives: 1) To establish welding and woodworking programs, 2) To increase the number of skilled workers in welding and woodworking by 80% of the participants.

The Regional Skills Alliance for Baraga County has identified welding and woodworking as a need in local manufacturing and industry. Currently, there are no training programs for adults offered in the county in these occupations. According to the Michigan Works office, there is a high demand in these areas based upon the large number of openings in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula. This project also ties in with Michigan's mission of No Worker Left Behind. Training in welding and woodworking will allow participants to gain the entry level skills necessary to become gainfully employed in the region. Students who successfully complete the program will earn a certificate of training awarded by Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. KBOCC will collaborate with the Tribal Employment Rights Office and Michigan Works in providing skills and identifying job opportunities.

The Welding training will consist of two components: 1) basic welding techniques, and 2) advanced welding. Materials and supplies will be made available to income eligible students at no charge. The woodworks training will provide training in basic woodworking followed by step by step projects and designing individual pieces. Training is slated to begin in January. Instructors will be hired by the College to provide Auto Cad training along with the welding and wood works.

All students who complete an area of training will receive Continuing Education Units or Certificates of Training. Registration can be made by calling the OCC Admissions Office at 353-4604 or the Dean of Student Services at 353-4628.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

Bernice "Jeannie" Johnson (nee Petite) March 15, 1930—August 3, 2008

Bernice "Jeannie" Johnson (nee Petite) traveled up to the Powwow in "Spirit" as she was making her journey home July (powwow weekend) 2008. She was the last of the elders to go home in the "Petite" (Maginzines) clan. Jeannie loved traveling and driving her cars. Both were Pontiac Bonnevilles which she named "Silver Eagle" and her latest was "Golden Eagle." Jeannie lived life to the fullest!

She leaves behind many relatives and friends, who were blessed to have crossed her "good" paths on this Mother Earth.



## OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

## OJIBWA SENIORS 2008-2010 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sandi Pittsley, President Ron Spruce, Vice Pres. Loretta Hugo, Secretary Roger Duschene, Treasurer Molly Loonsfoot, Asst. Secy Aggie Cardinal, Asst. Treas.

Our regular meeting for November is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2008.

We will not be having Pasty fund raising sales during November or December because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The Venison Stew fundraiser planned for Friday, November 7th has been cancelled.

At our meeting on October 15th, it was decided to mail our Ojibwa Senior Newsletter to members instead of placing it in the Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag.

If you have any questions regarding the Senior Nutrition Program, feel free to contact Philomena Ekdahl, Elderly Nutrition Director, 353-6096.

Chi-miigwetch Gizhe Manidoo, anishinaabe bemaadiziwin. (Great thanks, kind Creator, for this Indian way of life.)

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## Seventh Generation Feast: Increasing Self-Sufficiency through Sustainable Development

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Chippewa Rooms at the Ojibwa Casino

The KBIC Natural Resources Department will be holding a community meeting and feast to share ideas and information from the Strategic Energy Planning session, as well as to present ideas and progress towards sustainable development. Key speakers include the Committee for Alternative and Renewable Energy, Natural Resources Department and the Parks and Recreation Committee. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact the KBIC Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757.





Watch for Spirit of the Harvest Powwow article and photos in the December 2008 Newsletter. They were unavailable at press time.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Natural Resources Department



## **Strategic Energy Planning**

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, members of the Tribal Council, Alternative and Renewable Energy Committee, Natural Resources Department, and various other KBIC departments and committees attended a three-day Strategic Energy Planning session, which was held at the Ojibwa Seniors' Center. Two staff from the Council for Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), located in Denver, CO, facilitated the planning session. The workshops involved brainstorming, idea sharing, small group activities and group discussion. The following focus question for the planning session was identified by the group:

How does KBIC preserve the environment, keep energy costs low and money local, create jobs, benefit the community, make a self-sustainable energy system, and be less fossil fuel dependent over the next 15 years?

Over the course of the three days, the planning participants identified the current energy picture, the practical vision for 15 years, contradictions to the vision, strategies to overcome contradictions, as well as set an implementation plan. The group also discussed priorities in the areas of energy efficiency and education, information gathering and wind energy development. Copies of the raw data from the planning session, as well as the Final Report of the Strategic Energy Plan are available at the KBIC Natural Resources Department.



The KBIC Natural Resources Department would like to thank all of the participants for attending, the Tribal Council, the Ojibwa Seniors, and staff of the Magizi Wadiswan!



## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA

(Effective October 1, 2008)

	<u>48</u>	<u>Alaska</u>				
	<b>Contiguous</b>					
	<u>United</u>					
	<u>States</u>					
<u>Household</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>				
<u>Size</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Limits</u>				
I	\$1,011	\$1,330				
2	\$1,311	\$1,705				
3	\$1,611	\$2,080				
4	\$1,914	\$2,455				
5	\$2,239	\$2,830				
6	\$2,564	\$3,205				
7	\$2,864	\$3,580				
8	\$3,164	\$3,955				
Each addi- tional mem-	+ \$300	+ \$375				

**Computation of Income Eligibility Standards** 

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— The income eligibility limits for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

#### Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

**Dependant Care Deduction** — The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

**Earned Income Deduction** — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

\* Can not be on food stamps.

## UNITED IN DANCE, continued from page one.



Awonohopay, Tashina Emery-Kauppila, Steven Denomie, Megan Tucker, Summer Cohen, Linda Cohen, Ethan Halverson, and Marty Curtis. They were joined by April Lindala.

Another highlight of the UNITED Conference was Speaker Tillie Black Bear, a widely respected advocate for Native American Women Rights. Her speech included issues of Lakota women's rights. She also opened her presentation with a Lakota song. Tillie Black Bear's speech and the Keweenaw Bay singers and dancers were videotaped and can be viewed at <a href="http://webb.nmu.edu/">http://webb.nmu.edu/</a> Centers/ NativeAmericanStudies.



## **HARVEST FEAST 2008**



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Harvest Feast was held on Sunday, October 19, 2008, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. It was attended by numerous families throughout the tribal community who came together to enjoy each others' company and to share favorite recipes.

Susan LaFernier, Vice President, welcomed the community as they gathered together to ask for our Creator's blessing and to give thanks. "We are thankful for our faith, our Tribe and country, the great

outdoors, our Great Lake Superior, the wonder of our four seasons, for the lovely Summer we had and the beautiful Fall we are now enjoying before the Winter approaches us, and for the abundance of food prepared for today's feast. Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters currently serving in the armed forces, their families, and all people in your prayers. Remember all of our service men and women who have lost their lives, for everyone who has lost loved ones, those who are ill and in the hospital, and for those who can not be with use today for whatever reason. At this time let us honor the memory of our Tribal members from our Community who have walked on during the past year. They all have touched our lives, each in their own special way. Let us also remember our ancestors for their gifts of knowledge and language as we begin to revitalize and preserve this gift."

This year's feast was organized by Ginnyann Jermac, Cindy Curtis, and many many helpers. All of whom worked hard to prepare such a grand feast for our people. Chi Miigwetch!

## Saturday, December 6th





## Registration is Required!

To register or for information contact Heather at 353-4546 or Kathy at 353-4519.

Sponsored by: KBIC Diabetes Program

## Agenda

8:30 a.m. - Depart KBIC Health Dept.
10:00 a.m. - TV6 Winter Craft Show
12:00 noon - Lunch Provided
1:30 p.m. - Westwood Mall
3:30 p.m. - Depart Marquette

## There were Witches, Monsters and even Hannah Montana ...



This little Spiderman enjoys the Witches Hat Toss game.



Many youth wait in line for a chance at the big prize. Above youngsters shown at the Big Buck Nerf Shot game.

KBIC Youth Halloween parties were held on Saturday, October 18th. young kids' party ages zero-eleven was held at 1:00 p.m. for tribally enrolled children or those children of a tribally enrolled parent. The children had an opportunity to win prizes by participating in a number of skill games or possibly a cake from the cake walk. Many stood in line to have their fortunes read by the mysterious fortune teller. After enjoying a delicious meal, the costume judging began. In the zero-one year old category, 1st place went to the vampire (Dallas Moulden), 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the turtle (Jace Chosa), and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to a little pumpkin (Shayla Elmblad). In the two-three year old category, 1st place went to the rock stars (Darius and Odell Loonsfoot), 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the monkeys (Easton Clements and Javon Shelifoe), and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Elmo (Emily Hendrickson). In the four-five year old category, 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Chewbacca (DySean Allen), 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to the hulk (Dante Loonsfoot), and 3rd place went to the princess (Jeani Aho). In the six-seven year old category, 1<sup>st</sup> place went to the motorcycle madman (Lucas Julio), 2<sup>nd</sup> place to monster in the suit (Nathan Loonsfoot), and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Hannah Montana (Jayline Shelifoe). In the eight-nine year old category, 1st place went to the headless butler (Keegan Julio), 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the gangster (Matthew Beck), and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Batgirl (Sidney Voakes). In the ten-eleven year old category, 1<sup>st</sup> place went to the bloody prom queen (Keisha McHenry), 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the nun (Josh Sutherland), and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to the clown (Aleah Maskew).

Later that evening a dance was held for teens. A costume contest was held with the following results. Ages 13 and under – 1<sup>st</sup> place was Wilma Flintstone (Dylan Hueckstaedt), 2<sup>nd</sup> place was a caveman (Amanda Hueckstaedt), and 3rd place was a chef (Rebecca Larson). Ages 14-15 – 1<sup>st</sup> place went to jelly beans (Rachel Sutherland), 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to the green nosed witch (Tony Neiskes), and 3rd place went to the hippie (Tashina Emery Kauppila). Ages 16-18 – 1<sup>st</sup> place went to the mouse (Deanna Varline), 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to the Gothic princess (Chelsea Smith), and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sonja Welch won the big pumpkin guessing game.

place went to the nurse (Chelsea Yow-ell).

Sonja Welch, Dylan DeCota, and Alex Mayo won the pumpkin weight guessing game. The candy corn guessing game was won by Troy DeCota, Gaven Picciano, John Messer, Taylor Kemppainen, and Shayla Elmblad.

The KBIC Youth Club would like to thank all of the parents and volunteers for all of their help in making the 2008 Halloween Party happen. Chi Miigwetch!

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Ages 11-13 category—1st, (Wilma) Dylan Hueckstaedt; 2nd, (caveman) Amanda Hueckstaedt; 3rd, (Chef) Rebecca Larson.



Ages 14-15 category — 1st, (Hippy) Tashina Emery-Kauppila; 2nd, (Witch) Tony Neiskes; and 3rd, (Jelly Beans) Rachel Sutherland.



Ages 16 and up — 1st, (Mouse) Deanna Varline; 2nd, (Gothic Angel) Chelsea Smith, and 3rd, (Nurse) Chelsea Yowell.



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# **NEW EMPLOYEES**



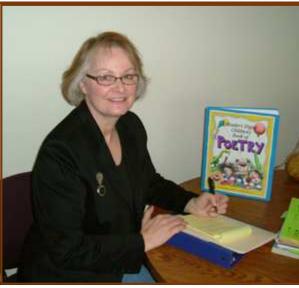
Elizabeth Sherman has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant for the KBIC Even Start Program. Elizabeth is a KBIC member, born and raised in Zeba, and is the daughter of Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews and the late Loring Sherman. Elizabeth currently resides Baraga with her boy-

friend, Jerry Jondreau and her two daughters, Kirsten (8) and Breanna (7 months).

Elizabeth graduated from L'Anse High School in 1999. She attended night classes through Gogebic Community College and then transferred to Michigan Tech in the Business Administration field. She is currently enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at Ojibwa Community College.

After serving a year as the Even Start Program's Family Literacy Resource Teacher, **Gail Juntunen** has been hired as the of KBIC Even Start Coordinator.

Gail has a broad educational background that includes teaching at the preschool, elementary, and college levels. Gail states, "I feel I come to the program with a good understanding of the important role parents play in their young children's education. As former principal of Sacred Heart School in L'Anse, I know my major administrative role at Even



Start will be to ensure that our families are provided with the support they need to reach their educational goals."

Gail and husband Niegel are celebrating the birth of their first grandbaby, Dahlia, who was born on September 3rd. The have three grown children—Dahlia's mother, Hilary, Ian, and Hannah.

## Dare to Dream

KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Program

Earn your GED/High School Diploma

Early Childhood Programs for children

Improve parenting skills
Incentives for participation

Transportation and childcare available

Even Start is free to all Tribal

and Non-Tribal members with children

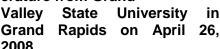
under the age of eight or who are expecting

Call 353-8161 to register

KBIC EVEN START— 755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908

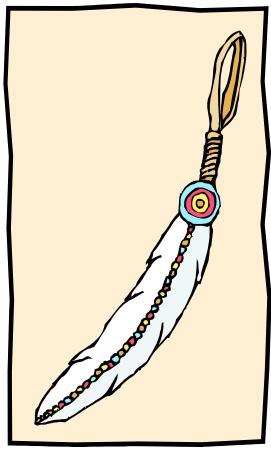
## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Jamie Lee Kemppainen graduated with a Bachelors degree in English Language and Literature from Grand



Jamie is the granddaughter of Florence Uusitalo.





Better Health Means a Stronger Community You can help by getting others in your family and in your community to sign up too.

Many of you have found out that there is more than being a tribal member to access the Contract Health Service Program to pay for your health care. You must remember that Contract Health Services funding is NOT an open pot of entitlement funds. Just because vou are a tribal member or descendant does not automatically mean your health bills are paid.

There are many steps to take to get the health care you need, and it is all up to you to take the first step and apply. This requires your

own motivation to apply for an alternate funding resource for your health care BEFORE tapping into Contract Health Funds.

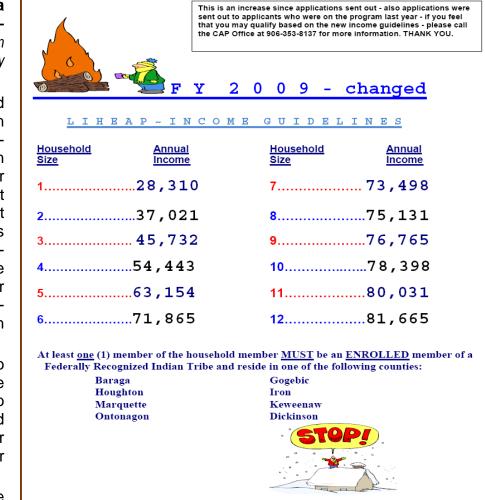
Contract Health funds have a federal mandate that we use them as a "payer of last resort." This means funds can only be accessed after all other alternate resources are utilized and/or exhausted, from other programs such as: private employer insurance, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Disability, Medicare, Medicaid, Mi-Child, automobile insurance, charity, etc.

Yes - there are entitlement programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid and Programs for Families and Children that most tribal members and their family members may be eligible for. Congress passed special laws so that tribal members can get Medicare and Medicaid services at our tribal health facility, located in Baraga. Enrolling in Medicare and Medicaid brings additional resources to our clinic. The reimbursement we get after you apply and are billed provides dollars for more health care to our people, both new services and services that improve your quality of care.

All members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community should take the time to register at the Patient Registration office even when you have insurance. Our monies from the federal government are counted by the number of patients registered.

When you come to the health clinic for services, the first stop you make should be the Patient Registration office. Remember to stop here BEFORE seeing the doctor or dentist. Denise Maki, will take the time to register you (with information you provide to her), and she will assess to see if you need to apply for an alternate resource. Then she will refer you to Michelle St. George, Benefits Coordinator.

Michelle can help you understand the program and fill out the forms. When you sign up, our clinic and dental staff can bill Medicare and Medicaid for services provided when you qualify. These programs pay for your health care, and less money is used from our Contract Health Funding thus the money that we get from the federal government will go farther throughout the year. You will never know if you qualify if you don't take the time to apply. If you need help with the forms, Michelle, Patient Benefits Coordinator, and Monica Kohn, Patient Advocate, are here to help you fill them out! They can help you understand the programs and fill out the forms to get the benefits you are qualified for. Sign up today!



#### Halloween parties continued from page seven.



Chaperones dressed for the occasion as well.





Many youngsters won a pumpkin to bring home.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS -

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Marquette KBIC Senior **Christmas Dinner** 

Saturday. **December 13, 2008** 2 pm—10 pm

Watch for more details in the December 's Newsletter.





by October 1; approved the Services Agreement of Justin Marzke for the Radio Station as the Sales Manager; approved a donation of \$1500 to LaCourt Gas for Monica Kohn. There were no formal actions taken at the special meeting held on September 23, 2008. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on September 25, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of December 3, 2005, and July 12, 2008; approved the people selected for TSI by the Natural Resource Committee: agreed that all timber sales on the reservation be awarded to Tribal loggers with their own equipment; approved the purchase of Digital Recording Equipment for the Marquette Casino in the amount of \$15,955; approved Resolution KB1627-2008—Economic Development Committee and their by-laws; approved KB1631-2008—Designating Resolution President Swartz as the ANA Authorized Agent; agreed that employees who are committee members will not receive a stipend during work hours unless they are on annual leave, effective October 1; approved adding \$300 each to the FY08 budget for the Economic Development Committee and the Committee for Alternative & Renewable Energy; and renewed the WLUC-TV6 Image Plus Program in the amount of \$18,460.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2008. One of the five donation requests were funded— \$250 for Laird Township for their Annual Halloween Party. Treasurer Misegan stated that she had traveled to the Seneca Nation along with President Swartz, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth Mayo and Christoph Geiger, to talk about nation to nation trade agreements. They met with the CEO of the Import/Export Commission and with their Attorney General.

There have been some problems with the sewer system at the Harvey Casino. It probably is not as big as it needs to be so it needs to be pumped out more often. Treasurer Misegan indicated that she along with President Swartz, Eddy Edwards, Mike LaFernier Sr., and David Haataja will be meeting with Chocolay Township on October 13, for a team meeting regarding the water and sewer issues in Chocolay.

The wage structure was approved on October 1. Council will be reviewing budgets the last week of October and a budget timeline will need to be approved. The deadline for 2% requests for the second half of 2008 was September 30. The 2% work group will be meeting early in No-

Treasurer Misegan had previously emailed Council members the Ethics Code and the Criminal Code for review. A Task Force of individuals, within the Tribe, from positions of those who work closely with the criminal code, i.e. Police, Court, Personnel, VOCA services, needs to be implemented to review the revised Criminal Code. Treasurer Misegan indicated that she did not receive any noted changes regarding the Ethics Codes. The purpose of the Ethics Code is to let the Community know what is expected of their Council. The Ethics Code will apply only to Council members. Although there is a provision in the Ethics Code that includes drug testing, it does not include other elected officials. Drug testing of other elected officials would have to be addressed in the Tribal

Code.

The Titling Committee has been meet-There are several issues being ing. worked on, i.e. involvement with insurance companies, information on VIN numbers. The committee is working on a draft.

Pat Brown addressed the Council with a request for funding in the amount of \$1500 for the Marquette Senior Christmas Party. Last year they received \$1200 for the party and \$25 gift certificates for each senior. Baraga Oiibwa Senior Citizens received the same amount. William Emery motioned to approve \$1500 each, for both the Marquette and Baraga Senior Citizens Christmas Party, and \$25 gift certificates for each senior, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Shawn Seppanen addressed the Council for assistance with obtaining a furnace for the residence he recently purchased. It was thought that a repair would only be needed; however, the furnace needs to be replaced. Seppanen supplied denials from a variety of sources. Elizabeth Mayo motioned to approve \$2395 to purchase a furnace for the Shawn Seppanen residence minus the amounts that may be pending from the Emergency Fund and LIEHP Program, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Lori Muhlig, by written request, asked for Council to allocate \$8000 for the MTU/ AISES Annual Speakers' Forum and Powwow. This is an increase from last year's allocation of \$5000. MTU/AISES brings the speakers to an assembly in both the L'Anse and Baraga Middle Schools and buses High School students to MTU for the Speakers' Forum on October 24. The Harvest Powwow will be held on October 25. Jennifer Misegan motioned to ap-\$8000 for the prove MTU/AISES Speaker's Forum and Powwow, supported by Toni Minton, eight supported (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Minton, Emery, Misegan, Blaker, Matthews, Curtis), two opposed (Mayo, Dakota), 0 abstained, motion carried.

President Swartz brought forth a request by Pat "Hummer" LaFernier who is seeking a Commercial Fishing License. Swartz has checked with Jeanne Kauppila in licensing and has been informed that there are fishing tags available. Elizabeth Matthews motioned to approve the Commercial Fishing license request of Pat "Hummer" LaFernier, supported by Toni Minton, eight supported (Minton, Emery, Misegan, Blaker, Matthews, Curtis, Dakota, Mayo), 0 opposed, two abstained (M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier), motion carried.

Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chairperson, submitted an alphabetical listing of names to be placed on the Primary Election Ballot. In the Baraga District: Robin Chosa, Larry J. Denomie III, Janice M. Halverson, Ginnyann Jermac, William W. Jondreau, Sr., Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Gary A. Magnant, Peter Morin, Sandra L. Pittsley, Jacqueline Swartz, and Isabelle Helene Welsh. In the L'Anse District: Joe Dowd, William "Gene" Emery, Jean Jokinen, Elizabeth "Chiz' Matthews, and JoAnne Racette. The Election Board met on Friday, October 3, 2008, to review the members listed. The Election Board has received certifications from

the Enrollment Office. The Board recommends approval of all nominations for candidacy. A Primary Election is required in both the Baraga and L'Anse Districts. A discussion rose questioning 1/4 degree blood to be an enrolled member versus 1/4 degree blood to be on the Council. Jennifer Misegan, Enrollment Officer, stated that she signed off on the certifications as that is what their blood quantum are to be enrolled. When further questioned, Misegan stated there have been no decreases in any blood quantum. One case had been brought into Tribal Court on incorrect blood degree. The Court case was dismissed. Doreen Blaker motioned to approve the candidates in the Baraga District as Robin Chosa, Larry J. Denomie III, Janice M. Halverson, Ginnyann Jermac, William W. Jondreau, Sr., Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Gary A. Magnant, Peter Morin, Sandra L. Pittsley, Jacqueline Swartz, Isabelle Helene Welsh, and in the L'Anse District as Joe Dowd, William "Gene" Emery, Jean Jokinen, Elizabeth "Chiz' Matthews, and JoAnne Racette per recommendation of Enrollment Board, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., eight supported (Curtis, Minton, Misegan, Emery, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Matthews), two opposed (Mayo, Dakota), 0 abstained, motion carried.

Council approved Department Head Reports for July and August 2008, and Council Meeting Minutes for July 17, 23, 24, 25, and 31, 2008. Council passed Resolution KB-1632-2008 Barbara Knipp Residence Lease, Resolution KB-1633-2008 Gary Magnant Residential Lease, and Resolution KB01634-2008 Lance Forcia Lease Modification from Recreation to Residential. Council agreed to allow FCC-Tribal Leader's Digital Television Initiative for DTV Transition to advertise in the newsletter and distribute flyers throughout Tribal businesses.

## <u> Tribal Telephone Numbers</u>

Tribal Center (906) 353-6623

Even Start, 353-8161 KBIC Headstart, 524-6626 KB Outpatient Treatment (ATR), 524-8121 KBIC Youth Director, 353-4643 New Day Treatment Center, 524-4411 Ojibwa Community College, 353-4600 Oiibwa Senior Citizens, 353-6096 Pines Convenience Center, 353-6223 Pre-Primary Program, 353-5437 Tribal Attorney's Office, 353-6623, ext. 4107 Tribal CEO's Office, 353-6623, ext. 4104 Tribal Chairman's Office, 353-6623, ext. 4112 Tribal Child Support Office, 353-4566 Tribal Commodities, 524-7340 Tribal Construction, 353-6950 Tribal Court Advocate, 353-4565 Tribal Court Clerk's Office, 353-8124 Tribal Dental Clinic, 353-8787

Tribal Enrollment, 353-6623, ext. 4113 Tribal General Assistance, 353-6623, ext. 4206 Tribal Licensing, 353-6623, ext. 4114 Tribal Medical Clinic, 353-8700 Tribal Natural Resources, 524-5757 Tribal Personnel Office, 353-6623, ext. 4176 Tribal Police Department, 353-6626 Tribal Probation Office, 353-4564 Tribal Social Services, 353-6623, ext. 4201

Tribal VOCA worker, 353-4533



## Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  - 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  - 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  - 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  - 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  - 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  - 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  - 4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
  - 5. Credit repair for homeownership;
  - 6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negauneeproviding profits for housing programs.





## RECRUITING SIX KBIC OJIBWA APPRENTICES and SIX ELDERS

We are now pleased to announce the Ojibwe Language Intergenerational Master-Apprentice Project which is funded through a grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). This is a three year project though which the KBIC will receive \$200,000 per year.

The six Apprentices (**four adults and two youth, ages 16+**) will learn from Earl Otchingwanigan, who has an Emeritus Degree; is a leading Ojibwe Language Expert; and a Co-Author of an Ojibwe Dictionary. He is our tribe's last fluent speaker, and he has been contracted to be our Master Instructor. He will develop curriculum, train apprentices to build their fluency and work toward certifying apprentices to teach the Ojibwe language. He will provide the teaching tools and training necessary for our Apprentices to teach language classes mentored by elders.

**Recruiting KBIC Apprentices:** We are looking for committed language learners with a demonstrated capacity, a passion and commitment to our tribe's Ojibwe language revitalization and preservation. Students must be willing to participate 45 weeks per year, for each project year. Stipends will be given to students for involvement each week to attend classes with Master Instructor; to student teach in community at assigned locations; and for study and prep time.

**Recruiting KBIC Elder's (Gookom/Mishomis):** We are looking for elders who are language under-standers and supportive of Ojibwe language transmission who will support learners in training. Stipends will be given to elders for four hours of mentoring during community language classes.

Application Deadline: December 4, 2008, by 4:30 PM

For Applications Contact:

KBIC Personnel Office 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, Michigan 49908 Phone: 906.353.6623, ext. 4140, Fax: 906.353.8068 Website: Ojibwa.com



"The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority has been administering the allocation of surplus FEMA mobile homes for our community. The picture above shows one of the new, fully furnished three bedroom mobile homes being delivered. We were allocated eleven mobile homes from FEMA this past year. We had announced the program and accepted applications from tribal members wishing to be eligible for a new mobile home. Housing would only charge the tribal member the cost of hauling and setting up the mobile home and that the actual mobile home, fully furnished would be free. That cost has been between \$22,000 and \$27,000, depending on the site work needed. This cost includes a \$6,000 hauling fee, site prep, slab poured, insulated skirting installed, metal roofing installed, all utilities hooked up, and entry stairs installed front and back. Tribal members have been required to provide land that they control either through a land lease with the tribe or fee simple land they own themselves. One key part of that requirement is that the land has to have utilities available. We have hauled three mobile homes so far and have another eight to haul. They have not been available all at once because FEMA has been testing the homes for formaldehyde. So far, all of our homes tested have come back with very low levels of formaldehyde. We will continue to administer this worthwhile program as part of housing's mission to provide tribal members with a broad range of housing opportunities.

## OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Ojibwa Community Library was awarded a two-year enhancement grant from the Institutes of Museum and Library Services. The grant will enable the library to be open six days a week, enable OCC to hire an assistant to the Librarian, and will enhance the needs of the elders and others in the community with vision impairments. New Library Hours are: Monday 12pm-7pm; Tuesday 9am-5pm; Wednesday 12pm-7pm; Thursday 9am-5pm; and Friday 10am-1pm.

Patrons of the Ojibwa Community Library, who have overdue books and movies, please return them! Please take the time to return them; it is very costly to

replace them. Use the book drop at the entrance to the college if you can't come to the library.

The library has received information and coupons, for the transition from analog to digital which will occur on February 17, 2009. If you rely only on a roof top antenna for your television viewing, you will need to



purchase a converter box for your television. The Ojibwa Community Library has information to explain this new system, along with coupon application (worth \$40.00) to get your receiver box. Call the Library @ 353-8163 if you have questions.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

## November 2008 Calendars Events

**November 4** — Native Vote! Remember to vote!

**November 8** — Saturday Council Meeting, 9 am, Chippewa Room

**November 11** — Veteran's Day — KBIC Gov't Offices closed

**November 12** — KBIC Voter Registration closes

**November 19** — Seventh Generation Feast

**November 27** — Thanksgiving Day—KBIC Gov't Offices closed



November 28 — National Indian Heritage Day — KBIC Gov't Offices closed



Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

#### **OJIBWEMOWIN** Gashkadino Giizis — Freezing Moon — November

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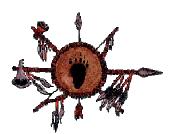
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The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.



## NOOJIIYENS



## Anishinaabe Anokii First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- **Tribal Business Owner Directory**
- **Business Development Resources**
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- **Business Support & Developmental Education Classes**
- Confidential Credit Counseling & **Financial Literacy Classes**
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development **Program**

8:00 am-4:30 pm Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908 Timothy W. Shanahan, **Business Counselor** 

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

## 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at

the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appoint ment with a certified business coun selor in the Baraga County area. Ses sions are free and confidential.



and John Wayne DeCota. Deveaire weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches long at birth.



Anin! Emma Louise Edwards and Ron Edwards. Emma weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 17 inches long at birth.



Anin! Emma Grace Cote born 9/22/2008, to Brittanee Gauthier born 8/17/2008, to Katie Payne 9/22/2008, to Jennifer Reed and Fred Cote III. Emma weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 inches long at birth.

## AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP 3-Day Training Course

HACCP training certification is required to obtain a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community commercial fishing license. There will be a certification course offered in Brimley, Michigan, during De-I cember 2008. Registration fee is \$90. A course agenda may be obtained at the Keweenaw Bay I Indian Community Licensing Office or Natural Resource Department. Registration and travel costs will be paid for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal members who wish to attend this training, through prior arrangement.

Times:

**Course Information** 

December 9-11, 2008 Date:

Location: Bay Mills Community College -Migizi Hall, 12214 W. Lakeshore

Drive, Brimley, Michigan

For registration please contact: Ronald Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University, (906) 226-3687. For more information please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.

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## ATTENTION Tribal Employees

## Effective OCTOBER 1, 2008

L'Anse Snyder Pharmacy is now able to accept prescriptions written for 90 days for maintenance drugs.

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## **Indian Community**

#### **Employment Opportunities**

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit:

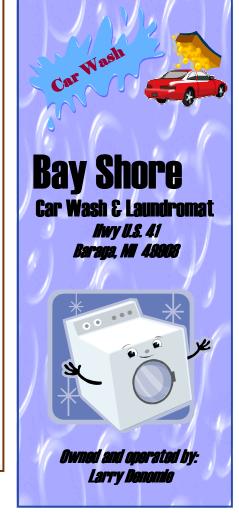
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, closing date 11/14/08

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/

## On Call positions:

- \* LPN \* RN
- \* Unit Manager
- \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Child Care Provider
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker

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## 13th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow













Michigan Tech University AISES held their Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the Gates Tennis Center on the Michigan Technical University Campus in Houghton, Michigan. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual event was emceed by Stanley Spruce of KBIC. Two grand entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. were led by Head Male Veteran Dancer, Donald Chosa, of Minnesota, and the KBIC Veteran Color Guard. MTU AISES were honored to have Roger LaBine of Lac View Desert as head male dancer; Punkin Shananaquet, Potawatomi/ Ojibwe as head female dancer; Ethan Smith of KBIC as head youth male dancer; and Miss Keweenaw Bay 2008, Tashina Emery Kauppila as head youth female dancer.

Lori Muhlig, MTU Native American Outreach Coordinator and organizer of the event, stated, "We

**Tribal Council Members:** 

Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President
Toni Minton, Secretary
William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO
Doreen Blaker
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews

Jerry Lee Curtis Frederick Dakota

Warren C. Swartz Jr., President

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- November 8, 2008Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC holds first Primary Elections
- Drug Conviction Report
- Preserving land for the next seven generations
- Area youth participate in TPAL Paintball League
- KBIC Headstart visit with local firemen
- KBOCC leaders celebrate *Health is Life in Balance* Launch
- Ojibwemowin
- Deepest Sympathy

had six drums with Stoneboy of Minnesota as our host drum. There were 44 dancers for the 1 p.m. grand entry and about 50 for the 7 p.m. grand entry. This year's event included a pink shawl presentation by Punkin Shananaquet, and we had a display for the Eagle Book project. KBIC was one of our major sponsors, and we are truly thankful to them." Other sponsors for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual event include: Michigan Tech USG, Michigan Tech Educational Opportunity, the Chrysler Foundation, and AISES.



### **KBIC PRIMARY ELECTIONS HELD**

The members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community voted to implement primary elections on the December 2008 ballot. Subsequently, an ordinance revising the election process was implemented, and the Community held its first primary election on November 1, 2008. An alphabetical ballot of names on the Primary Election Ballot were approved on October 4, 2008.

Official results of the primary election follows. In the Baraga District: Larry J. Denomie III (incumbent)—71; Robin Chosa—18; Janice M. Halverson—26; Ginnyann Jermac-35; William W. Jondreau, Sr.—39; Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.—24; Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.—75; Gary Mayo (Gary A. Magnant)—8; Peter Morin—4; Sandra L. Pittsley—81; Jacqueline Swartz—6; and Isabelle Helene Welsh— 91. In the L'Anse District: William "Gene" Emery (incumbent)—70; Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews (incumbent)—91; "Shawanung" Dowd—54; Jean Jokinen— 28; and JoAnne Racette—55.

The top four candidates from each district will move on to the General Election to be held on December 13, 2008. The candidates in the Baraga District are Larry Denomie III, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Sandra L. Pittsley, and Isabelle Helene Welsh. The L'Anse District candidates are William "Gene" Emery, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Joe "Shawanung" Dowd, and JoAnne Racette.



## ATTENTION: KBIC REGISTERED VOTERS



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is holding its **ANNUAL TRIBAL ELECTIONS** on Saturday, December 13, 2008.

The Baraga District Election Voting Polls will be located at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Building, Mission Road, Baraga, MI 49908.

The L'Anse District Election Voting Polls will be located at the Zeba United Methodist Church, Zeba Road, L'Anse, MI 49946.

#### Polls open 12:00 noon—6:00 p.m.

For those voters who are physically unable to go to the polls and previously requested an absentee ballot in writing by November 21, 2008, an election worker will come to your home on Friday, December 12, 2008.

## **DRUG CONVICTION REPORT**



In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convic-

tions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis

## Leon Brunk, case # 08-242, Controlled Substance (possession)

**Factual Basis:** Defendant had possession of methadone pills without a prescription.

## Sentenced on 11/03/2008 to:

- 1. \$300 fine.
- 180 days jail, 150 days suspended, credit for 2 days jail served, 28 days to be served. Defendant is responsible for any lodging, tether fees, and other expenses associated while lodged.
- Nine to twelve months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is to submit to random drug and PBT testing and will be financially responsible for those tests.
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
- 5. Defendant shall complete application to the Access to Recovery program.

 Defendant shall perform a job search and submit weekly verification to Probation Officer until defendant finds regular employment.

## Angela Potts, case # 08-181, Controlled Substance (distribute)

**Factual Basis:** Defendant did possess and distribute a controlled substance, to wit: marijuana.

## Sentenced on 11/04/2008 to:

- 1. \$300 fine.
- 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, 60 days to be served on tether due to medical conditions. Defendant is responsible for tether fees, and other expenses associated while on tether.
- Nine to twelve months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is to submit to random drug and PBT testing and will be financially responsible for those tests.
- 4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
- 5. Defendant shall maintain employment or be actively receiving an education.

## Dave R. Varline, case # 08-259, Controlled Substance (use)

**Factual Basis:** Defendant used the illegal drug marijuana.

## Sentenced on 11/05/2008 to:

- 1. \$300 fine.
- 90 days jail, 70 days suspended, credit for 2 days jail served, 18 days to be served on tether. Defendant is responsible for any lodging, tether fees, and other expenses associated while lodged.

- 3. Twelve to eighteen months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is to submit to random drug and PBT testing and will be financially responsible for those tests.
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
- 5. The Defendant is to perform 10 hours of community service.
- The Defendant is to attend school or apply for GED and seek employment. Defendant must provide proof to the probation office of his job searching activity.

## Yancy A. DeCota, case # 08-217, Controlled Substance (use)

**Factual Basis:** Defendant used the illegal drugs cocaine and marijuana, and the prescription drug, Ritalin, of which he was not prescribed.

## Sentenced on 11/13/2008 to:

- 1. \$300 fine.
- 90 days jail, 80 days are suspended, credit for 2 days previously served, 8 days to be served. Defendant is responsible for lodging costs and other expenses associated while lodged.
- 3. Twelve to eighteen months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. [concurrent with cases 08-198, 08-200].
- 4. Defendant is to submit to random drug and PBT testing and will be financially responsible for those tests.
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.

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## November 8, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on November 8, 2008, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. During the month of October, KBIC received a final draft report from the Council at Energy Resource Tribes. Their mission is to support member tribes as they develop their management capabilities and use their energy resources as a foundation for building stable diversified self-governing economies according to each tribe's own values and priorities. Certain programs include policy advocacy, technical assistance, education, capacity building, and partnerships. How does the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community preserve the environment, keep energy costs low, money local, create jobs, benefit the community, make a sustainable energy system. and be less fuel dependent over the next fifteen years? This is in conjunction with the seventh generation feast which will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> where the community will receive an update, share ideas, and share information gathered from the three-day planning sessions held in late September and early Oc-

President Swartz received notification that KBIC's 2009 program expansion and development grant application has been successfully submitted to the National Children's Alliance. This grant application will help respond to children who have been severally abused or neglected.

President Swartz, Vice President LaFernier, Treasurer Misegan, and accounting personnel met with Superior National Bank officials to discuss our trust accounts. Superior National Bank also notified KBIC that some shares from Keweenaw Financial Common Stock are available for purchase.

President Swartz, Council member Mike LaFernier, David Haataja (Marquette Casino's General Manager), and a representative of Ojibwa Housing met with Greg Seppanen, Chocolay Township Supervisor, and some of his staff at the Chocolay Township Hall to discuss issues and concerns and just to get acquainted with each other in the event we are able to collaborate in future projects.

Work with the Village of Baraga continues with the Old 41 water main extension agreement, and it is hopeful that it will be completed in the near future.

Good news. The National Gaming Commission published the technical and internal control standards mixed on October 10, 2008. The definition and classification standards regulations were formally withdrawn. By convincing the NIGC to withdraw the definition and classification regulations, Indian Country achieved a great victory in defending the Class III industry.

President Swartz, Treasurer Misegan, Council members Doreen Blaker, and Jerry Lee Curtis attended the National Congress of American Indians 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Trade Show, "65 years of advancing tribal sovereignty in the past, present and future", held in Phoenix, Arizona, October 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. They joined other tribal leaders in discussing public safety, resource management, economical development, health, education, labor, and many other important topics. Council members Frederick Dakota and Jerry Lee Curtis attended the NCI Conference during the second week of October.

President Swartz attended the United

Tribes meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan, where discussions on bulk purchasing, coal energy expansion, Adam Walsh update, tuition waiver, and others occurred. President Swartz has been elected Secretary for the United Tribes of Michigan.

Susan LaFernier gave the Vice President Report. Vice President LaFernier participated in the environmental perspectives interview on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with KBIC member Jessica Koski, who is attending Michigan Tech University. With the current fuel prices and projected winter heating costs, accompanied by our Nation's economic condition, each of us should commit to do our part, and we can make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. There are everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle materials, and prevent pollution in general. This information is available at the energy.gov website.

Vice President LaFernier attended a meeting at Northern Michigan University on October 13<sup>th</sup> regarding Michigan's Great Lakes Plan (Protection and Restoration Initiative) which was launched by Lt. Governor John Cherry for the state government on June 4, 2008, to prepare and implement an action agenda to restore, remediate, and protect the Great Lakes. Eight more meetings are scheduled throughout the state for comments, and they hope to have a plan ready by the end of December. Vice President LaFernier suggested for the state to adopt a no new mercury input rule and adopt a non-degradation approach to planning where projects would need to demonstrate the area waters would not receive any additional contaminants. As our lakes are already in great danger, it will be interesting to see if, and when, this plan will be implemented.

KBIC will be commenting and submitting an expert report within the next month to the EPA for their consideration of the Underground Injection Control permit for the proposed Yellow Dog mine. Also of great concern is the recent clearing by Eagle Rock. State officials have been notified.

The Annual Harvest Feast was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. In President Swartz's absence, Vice President LaFernier gave the welcome where those in attendance had a great meal, visited, and gave thanks for our many blessings. Chi miigwetch to everyone for their hard work to prepare for this annual event.

Larry Denomie gave a combined CEO report for September and October. The new wage system was worked on and finalized during the two month period. Council approved the system to compensate employees for their years of service in their current positions. The personnel and payroll departments are to be commended for their efforts in getting the final numbers compiled. Council has implemented a 1.4 million dollar investment into this wage Government employees received their new wage and retroactive pay in the October 31<sup>st</sup> payroll. Enterprises received their new wage in the October 31st payroll and will receive their retroactive pay in the November 14<sup>th</sup> payroll. There have been instances where employees have made their disappointed feelings known; however, a majority of the comments have been positive and grateful for Council's actions.

The ANA Language Preservation grant has been officially awarded, and Earl Otchingwanigan has been hired by contract to develop curriculum and teach six apprentices the language under the grant. Earl has gifted his work to KBIC through an endowment. The endowment will allow for the completed work to be utilized in generating revenue which will be placed into the endowment fund. One-half of the proceeds of the investment along with one-half of the revenue added to private con-

tributions to the endowment will be permanently set aside for use to continue the Language Preservation and Revitalization program.

The Even Start Program and Community Library have been placed under the direction of Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, effective October 1. There will be no change in services with this adjustment.

October 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of Fiscal Year 09. Due to wage system upgrading, information needed by directors and managers to complete their budgets Council did not begin reviewing the budgets until November 5<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully they will be finalized in the next week.

Two projects have been completed from multiple suggestions made by utilizing the suggestion box located in the entrance of the Tribal Center. A playground has been installed at the Zeba Trailer Court for the children there. Safety concerns were voiced by parents whose children had to cross the Skanee Road to get to the housing playground. The second project will assist those who are handicapped with entering the tribal center. An automatic door opener for those who are unable to manually open the door has been installed outside the main entrance at the tribal center. Please continue to use the suggestion box as every effort is made to respond to suggestions, comments, complaints, and compliments received. Phone calls are returned when requested, complaints are followed up on, and responses are given when requested.

An effort to update the membership on many programs and services offered by the Tribe is being developed with a revised Membership Services Directory. Programs available by department, including a brief description of what is offered, how to access the program or funding, and who and where to contact for the service, will be listed. It is hopeful this directory will be ready for distribution to every KBIC home early next year.

The Gaming Commissioner's Executive Director is away due to a personal family matter. Dale Shalifoe will be acting Executive Director in the interim based on resolutions passed by the Gaming Commissioners and the Council. Mr. Shalifoe will not be acting in the capacity of a commissioner while filling the temporary vacancy.

Council has amended the holiday schedule in the personnel policy to include Christmas Eve, the day after Christmas, and New Years Eve every year, and implemented January 2<sup>nd</sup> to be a paid holiday for 2009. Tribal government offices will be closed for the holiday season on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of October 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on October 4, 2008, in Marquette, and is reported on in the November 2008, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on October 1, 2008: approved an addition to the Casino Employee Personnel Policies; agreed to open the Pines Slots on October 15, 2008; promoted Debra Williamson to full time Language Coordinator; approved the employee wage distribution plan and that all employees will receive at least a 3% raise; agreed that no employees will be downgraded and that any position to be downgraded will be done through attrition; agreed that all positions grade 14 and up will be contractual positions; and appointed three Appellate Judges, Dave Mechlin for a one-year term, Charles Palmer for a two-year term, and Todd Smithson for a three-year term. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on October 9, 2008: approved meeting minutes

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## PRESERVATION OF OUR LAND FOR THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS

ANIN! We would like to take a moment of your time to again discuss a very serious threat to the lands, natural resources, environment, and sacred place of the Lake Superior Bands of the Ojibwa created by proposed sulfide mining operations in the Lake Superior territory.

As you may know, we have been very actively opposing a proposed sulfide metallic mineral mine that will be located on the Yellow Dog Plains in Marquette County Michigan. The mine, proposed by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company ("Kennecott"), will be located in the traditional lands of the Community which were ceded to the government through the Treaty of 1842.

The sulfide ore body of the proposed Kennecott mine is located directly underneath the Salmon Trout River, and the portal of the mine tunnel to this ore body will be drilled and blasted through Migi zii wa sin ("Eagle Rock"). Sulfide, when exposed to water and air, creates sulfuric acid that permeates the surrounding natural resources and environment (see "Sulfide Mining 101"). The Salmon Trout River is a pristine river located in the wilderness of the Yellow Dog Plains and is one of few homes to the coaster brook trout. Migi zii wa sin has been a sacred site to the Ojibwa people since time immemorial. We have opposed Kennecott's proposed mine because of the very serious threats to the natural resources and environment posed by this type of sulfide mining; the damage and destruction to the sacred Migi zii wa sin that will be caused by the construction and operation of the mine; and the significant possibility that the collapse of the mine cavity, which will be located directly under the Salmon Trout River, will result in the catastrophic event of the Salmon Trout River flooding into the mine cavity and, perhaps, disappearing forever.

KBIC, along with other opponents of the Kennecott Mine, (National Wildlife Federation, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, and Huron Mountain Club) have initiated a series of legal actions against the State of Michigan, in order to enforce the state's new metallic mining laws which, if enforced as written, would stop the construction of the proposed mine or at the very least, force Kennecott to redesign the mine to prevent the anticipated damage to the natural resources, environment, and the sacred site, Migi zii wa sin. This is a very important test case because the final decision in this case will set a long standing precedent concerning the application, interpretation, and enforcement of this new mining law, not only in Michigan, but in other states as well who may choose to enact a metallic mining law similar to Michigan's statute. If the liberal interpretation and lax enforcement of the law, which has currently happened with regard to the Kennecott mine, are allowed by the Michigan courts, results could be devastating.

As a result of these legal actions, the Tribe has expended a great deal of money to retain technical and legal experts in order to review Kennecott's 700 page mining permit application, analyze the area that will be affected by the mine, attend countless hours of legal hearings, and prepare and file thousands of pages of legal briefs

and expert reports.

Currently there are a number of mining exploration companies that are conducting mineral exploration operations in dozens of locations in the central and western Upper Peninsula. More mines are likely to be proposed and possibly permitted. We believe that the Kennecott Mine is a significant test case because of the dangerous precedent that has been set by the state's issuance of the permits to Kennecott even though the mining application contains literally hundreds of technical mistakes, poor and missing analyses, missing data, and unsubstantiated assumptions and conclusions. Yet, the state proceeded to grant the permit for the mine, apparently based upon the dubious premise that 100 new jobs and royalty payments to the state would somehow justify the damage and destruction of Migi zii wa sin and the surrounding natural resources, in addition to the pollution of the environment that will be caused by the mine.

The administrative hearings challenging the legality of the permits issued to Kennecott for this mine are now about to conclude; however, while the Community believes that it and the other opponents of the mine have provided to the hearing officer (who incidentally is a state employee) with sufficient facts and legal arguments to overturn the permits, the fact remains that win or lose, the Community will have to make decisions regarding appeals in this case to the Michigan Circuit Court, Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court.

The financial resources expended over the past four years to challenge this test case have been extremely significant. In closing, we would just like to add our thoughts on a very fundamental concept of the Ojibwa people: the preservation of our land, our culture, and our way of life require that we act now as guardians for the next seven generations. Sulfide mining will be the single greatest threat of our lands in our lifetime.

Please, if you have any questions or need any additional information concerning this issue, feel free to contact either of us at anytime.

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Warren "Chris" Swartz, President Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President

## Sulfide Mining 101

## What is metallic sulfide mining?

- → Metallic sulfide mining is a Midwestern US term, usually referred to as hard rock mining in the western US.
- → Metallic sulfide mining is not the process used to mine sulfide, but actually the practice of extracting metals (such as copper and nickel) from a sulfide ore body.

## Why is metallic sulfide mining dangerous?

- → When excavated, if sulfide ore or the tailing piles are exposed to water and air, a chemical reaction can create sulfuric acid.
- Precipitation subsequently causes sulfuric acid to drain from the mine site called acid mine drainage (AMD), which can drain into nearby water resources, and thereby harm people, plants, animals, and metal and con-

- crete structures.
- → There has never been a metallic sulfide mine that has not polluted water resources where water was present.
- → AMD can form red, orange, or yellow sediments in the bottom of streams; this sediment can kill plants and animals, especially fish as it coats their gills.
- The resultant AMD also dissolves heavy metals (lead, zinc, copper, and mercury), allowing them to enter ground and surface water.
- → Sulfuric acid is 20 to 30 times more acidic than acid rain, and upon entering surface water can drastically change pH, disrupting the growth and reproduction of aquatic plants and animals.
- → Estimates place the number of mines producing acid drainage on US Forest Service lands at somewhere near 20,000 to 50,000 throughout the West, and these mines are also polluting between 5,000 and 10,000 miles of streams in the West (USDA, 1993).
- Acid mine drainage can be very expensive to clean up and has costly impacts.

## Why is metallic sulfide mining a threat to Michigan's UP?

- Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality doesn't have the kind of funding it needs to adequately implement the laws they're required to implement.
- → Kennecott's Parent Company, Rio Tinto, has a track record of human rights, union rights, and environmental violations around the world.
- → Water and Sulfide do not mix.
  - Michigan's UP has 1,700 miles of shoreline along three of the Great Lakes.
  - There are 12,000 miles of rivers and streams and 4,300 inland lakes in the UP.
  - Because of Lake Superior's size, it takes contaminants 190 years to cycle through Lake Superior.
  - The Great Lakes contain 18% of the world's fresh water resources.

## Homework

Research the track records of the following foreign corporations that are currently exploring in the Western Upper Peninsula. Report your results to your local newspaper editor.

- Kennecott Minerals (Rio Tinto) England/Australia
- Prime Meridian Resources Corp. —
   Canada
- ♦ Aquila Resources Canada
- Bitterroot Resources (Trans Superior Resources & Cameco Inc.) — Canada
- Orvana Minerals Canada

The Splash November-December, Save The Wild U.P.org publication

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medication refills. Make sure
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## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department

## I'm Dreaming of a "Green" Christmas

It's that time of year again! Here are a few tips to help celebrate the holidays while treading lightly on Mother Earth.

#### **Trees**

Artificial or real? There is no easy answer to the debate between real and fake trees. While fake trees are reusable they are made from non-recyclable, petroleum-derived materials and often shipped from overseas. Real trees from large commercial farms are typically sprayed with a lot of pesticides and end up in the landfill. If you choose a real tree, buy it locally and either chip it for mulch or use it to provide habitat. The best option is to buy a live, potted tree that can be planted after the holidays.

#### Lights

Switching to LED Christmas lights is 90% more efficient than traditional incandescent lighting. In addition LED lights last longer, reduce the risk of fire because they do not get as hot, and if one bulb goes out, the rest of the string still works. They are a little more expensive up front, but save money in the long run. Another way to reduce energy use from lights is to plug them into an automatic timer and limit use to four or five hours a day. The smaller the bulb, the lower the energy cost. Solar lights are also available for outdoor lighting.

#### Giving Green

The easiest way to reduce waste is to buy less and buy smart. Make sure gifts you buy for others are really something they want or will use. Be creative by making gifts or giving a coupon for your services (babysitting, a backrub, dinner). Buy locally made goods or antiques (which are true to the theme of reuse and recycle). Choose gifts that are made from recycled materials, encourage environmentally responsible behavior (i.e. reusable lunch bag, basket full of non-toxic cleaning products), or are battery free.

## Wrap It Up

Choose alternatives to commercial gift wrap such as newspapers, fabric, wall paper, maps, posters, etc. Get creative. Consider using pine cones, cedar branch tips or leaves to decorate the gifts. Environmentally friendly wrapping paper is also available that uses recycled paper or hemp fibers.

## Holiday Cards

Every year 2.65 billion holiday cards are sold in the United States, enough to fill up a football field ten stories high and requiring the harvesting of nearly 300,000 trees. The greenest option is to send cards electronically. You can send photo and holiday e-cards using sites like Blue Mountain and Amazon.com. Consider making your own cards from items you can reuse in your home (children's art work, calendars, etc). Another option is to buy cards made from recycled or sustainable materials such as hemp.

## After Party Waste

According to the EPA the average American increases the amount of waste they produce between Thanksgiving and Christmas by 25%. How can we reduce the amount of waste we put in the landfill during this holiday season? Reduce, reuse and recycle! Reduce the amount of waste produced by using reusable bags when shopping, avoiding unnecessary packaging materials, and avoiding disposable items such as utensils, plates and cups during the holidays. Reuse wrapping materials, bows, ribbons, and cards for next year. Recycle paper, envelopes, magazines, catalogs, cardboard, plastic and paper bags, and packing paper at Waste Management in Houghton.

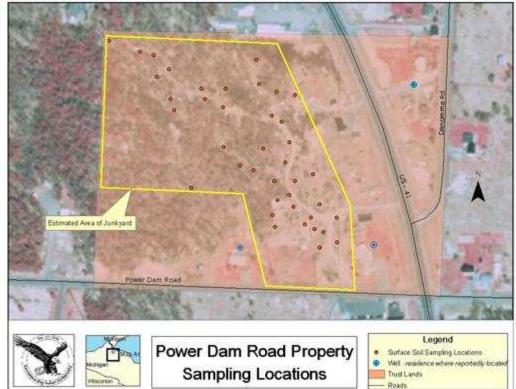
## Happy Holidays from KBNRD!!

#### **Brownfield Program Environmental Property Assessment Activities**

Natural Resources Department staff recently conducted surface soil sampling at a property located west of US-41 and north of Power Dam Road. Parts of this property have historically been used as a junkyard. Illegal dumping of household and other waste has also occurred on the property. Soil samples collected were sent to an analytical laboratory to be tested for the possible presence of a number of potential contaminants including organic compounds, heavy metals, and PCB's. Should laboratory testing indicate that contaminated soils are present, additional sampling will likely be completed on the property. The laboratory testing results will be used to guide future decision making.

The Brownfield Program in the Natural Resource Department is supported using funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information on the Brownfield Program please contact us at 524-5757 or visit the Brownfield Program website at: <a href="http://www.ojibwa.com/html/NR/ERP/erp.htm">http://www.ojibwa.com/html/NR/ERP/erp.htm</a>





## ATTENTION HUNTERS: CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource and Conservation Departments will again be conducting Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance during this year's deer hunting season. If you are interested in participating, please call the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757 x19 or the Conservation Department at (906) 353-6626. We are looking to collect heads from deer harvested from the L'Anse Reservation and surrounding areas. From these we will be collecting tissue from the top of the spinal chord (obex) and the lymph nodes for laboratory analysis.

This fall, hunters can drop off deer heads in receptacles provided at KBIC – Fish Hatchery in Pequaming, Alston Meat Processors in Alston, or at the back door of Indian Country Sports in L'Anse (please not inside). Information pamphlets regarding CWD will be available at these drop-off locations or can be mailed out upon request.

Later in the winter and during the first part of 2009, we will also be accepting deer heads for testing. If you harvest a deer late in the year or early in 2009, please call the Natural Resource or Conservation Departments to arrange for drop off or pick up.

In 2007 approximately 50 animals harvested from this area were tested for CWD. CWD was not detected in any of these animals. This year the goal is to sample approximately 100 heads from harvested deer.



Participation and donation of heads is voluntary. We greatly appreciate all the help we receive in monitoring and ensuring the health of our local deer herd. If you have any questions, please call the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.

## NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT COMMERCIAL FISHING HISTORY PROJECT



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource and Licensing Departments have compiled a list of commercial fishermen and women from past harvest reports and licensing records. Our list is incomplete. Existing records start in the early 1980's. Some information from the 1980's is missing and records for some years in the 1980's are missing altogether.

The Natural Resources Department would like to recognize all the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's commercial fishermen and are requesting your help with finding and compiling information on historical fishing activity in this community. Please call the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757 if you have names and other information about fishermen and women from the 1980's or before. Thank-you.



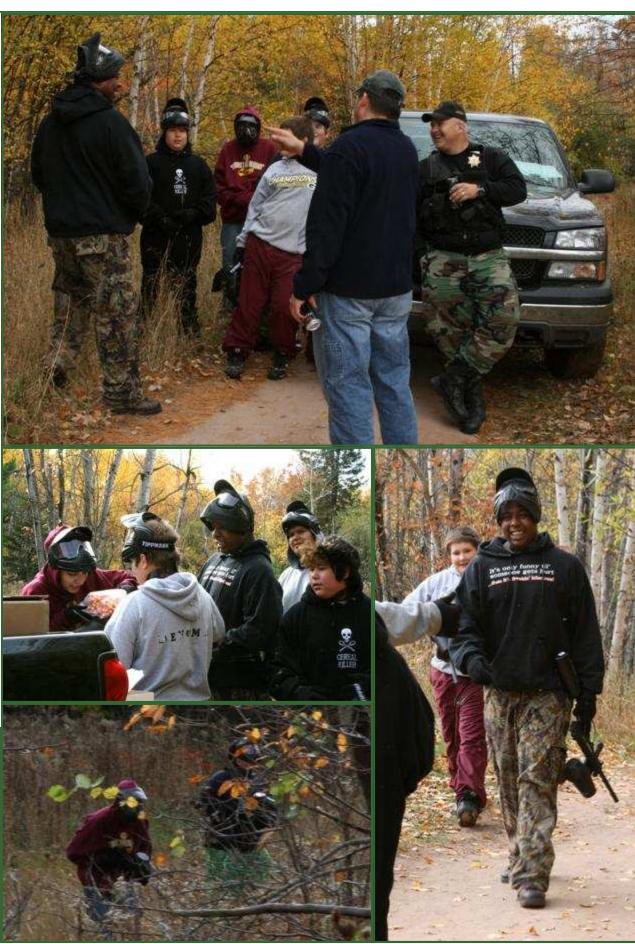
## AREA YOUTH COMPETE IN PAINTBALL LEAGUE

Tribal Police Athletic League (TPAL) incorporates recreational opportunities for area youth, young adults, and Tribal enforcement officers in an attempt to encourage a positive relationship between youth and law enforcement. Recently TPAL has implemented a pilot program of weekend paintball games throughout October and November with the playing area mapped out in the Jack Pines' area behind the Zeba Trailer Court. With the twelve sets of paintball equipment, teams of six compete to capture the winning flag. The paintball games have been well attended with no advance advertisements only word of mouth. Sgt. Duane Misegan, of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police, has been in charge of the TPAL paintball league. Sgt. Misegan stated, "The youth are really enjoying this activity. We have had up to fourteen participating on any given weekend. With winter coming and hunting season, we've finished up on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> for the year." Chris Gerard, Weed and Seed Coordinator, stated, "We anticipate ordering more equipment this winter, and the TPAL paintball league will be fully implemented in spring of 2009."

The KBIC Weed and Seed Initiative includes a number of programs that will be implemented to help youth make safe and healthy choices in their lives, avoid gangs and avoid illegal drugs and substances. The Tribal Police Athletic League (TPAL) is one of the programs organized by KBIC Weed and Seed.

Pictures compliments of Chill Seppanen.





# KBIC SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Marquette Ojibwa Community Building Saturday, December 13, 2008 2 p.m.—10 p.m.

## Menu:

Turkey, Ham, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Plus much, much, more...

KBIC Members 55 and older and one guest.

MUSIC PROVIDED BY COUNTRY RAMBLERS

(BRING YOUR DANCING SHOES!!!)

Questions Contact Patti Brown 273-0318

## Walk And Talk

WHAT: An indoor walking program.

WHEN: Beginning Tuesday, December 2, 2008, from 10:30am to 1:30pm on weekdays (excluding holidays, and snow days) through

Friday, March 27, 2009.

WHERE: The KBOCC Gymnasium.

WHO: Anyone who would like to stay active through the winter

months.

WHY: Everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical

at least 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times a week to stay

fit.

Kick Off will be Tuesday, December 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.!

Earn prizes for every ten times you walk. Contact Heather at 353-4546 or hwood@kbicnsn.gov for log sheets and/or to redeem your prize.



Employees
grab a
buddy and
walk during
your lunch
break, be
sure to bring
a bag lunch
and leave a
few minutes
to eat!

For more information contact Heather at 353-4546 or Kathy at 353-4519.

Program sponsored by KBIC Youth Program and KBIC Diabetes Program

## NEW EMPLOYEE



Vicky Mleko has been hired as the KBIC Tribal Center Receptionist/Clerk. Vicky is the daughter of Mike and the late Victory (Darcy) Mleko of Pequaming and Fort Pierce, Florida. She is a 1990 graduate of John Carroll High School, and she attended the Indian River Community College for three years; both are located in Fort Pierce, Florida. Vicky moved back to the area ten years ago and resides in L'Anse with her loving companion "Monroe," a two-year-old shitzu.

Vicky states, "I'm very excited to be on board at the Tribal Center. I look forward to many years of providing clerical services for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."





## KBIC HEADSTART AND EARLY HEADSTART VISIT WITH LOCAL FIREMEN IN OCTOBER (FIRE PREVENTION MONTH)

A recent KBIC Early Headstart field trip included a visit to a local fire station. On Friday, October 24th, the group, which included seven two-year olds, three of their teachers, and three



parent volunteers, visited with Fire-fighter Mike Bianco as he showed them around the L'Anse Fire Station.

After trying to sit through a snorւ video on fire safety, the young visitors enjoyed it when fireman Mike let them each pick out a stuffed animal, and gave them each a coloring book and crayons to take home. After touring the downstairs and checking out the fire trucks, the youngsters were excited to get to try on a fire jacket and hat.



Ron Hueckstaedt of the Baraga Fire Department visited with KBIC Headstart on October 9th. The children watched the video "ABC's of Fire Safety" with Fireman Ron, who talked to the youngsters about fire safety. The children were able to check out the fire truck equipment, and they even received a short ride with fireman Ron. The children received goody bags with Fire Safety information and got to take a hat home as well.



from August 4, 2008 and December 13, 2005; agreed that employees who are committee members are able to attend meetings and receive stipends during work hours with their supervisor's approval; donated \$250 to the Laird Township Halloween party; moved the November 1st regular meeting to November 8th; approved Resolution KB1628-2008 and the By-laws for the Committee for Alternate and Renewable Energy; approved Gary Magnant as a candidate for the November 1st Primary Election; approved the installation of three participation and three video games at the Pines: approved the TERO/Weed and Seed Re-Entry Program Policy; set the anniversary dates of all employees hired before October 1, 2008, to October 1<sup>st</sup> for the purpose of raises; approved Resolution KB1635-2008 naming Warren Swartz. Jr. the authorized agent of KBIC with United Tribes and also listing alternates; approved the Consultant Agreement with Steven Nelson to provide consultation and assistance in the collection and analysis of data for the Weed and Seed Programs; and authorized \$25,000 for our experts report to the EPA. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on October 29, 2008: approved Resolution KB1638-2008 appointing Dale Shalifoe as Acting Executive Director of the Gaming Commission and suspending the application of section 18A.205(H) of the Gaming Commission Ordinance; approved meeting minutes of January 7, 2006, and August 16, 20, and 28, 2008; approved an additional semester of Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion classes; approved the insurance agreement with M3 through July 2009; approved the Professional Services Agreement with Don Heikkila for Even Start; named the day after Thanksgiving Native American Heritage Day; changed the governmental personnel policies to include Christmas Eve. the day after Christmas and New Years Eve as holidays; agreed that January 2, 2009, will be a paid holiday and the Tribal Center will be closed; approved an increase in lot rent for those residents deemed necessary by the Maintenance Director; approved the Employment Agreement with Earl Otchingwanigan; approved the Earl Otchingwanigan Work Product Endowment Agreement; approved Christmas gift checks in the amount of \$599; approved October donations totaling \$8750; designated the Assistant CEO Sarah Smith as the supervisor of the Pines Manager; agreed to allow the Pines Manager to set the gas prices; and approved the FY09 Election Board Budget.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2008. The Tribal Council met and reviewed donations on October 29th, approving the following: Christmas gift bags for the Veterans at the D.J. Jacobetti Home - \$2000; Christmas gifts for the Headstart students - \$1550: Marine Corps Leagues/ Toys for Tots - \$5000; Bethel United Pentecostal Church/Annual Thanksgiving Dinner -\$200. On October 1<sup>st</sup> the Tribal Council was informed by Francis LaPointe, CFO, that the Tribe's money currently in the National City Bank was potentially in danger. The bank had received a poor rating by the FDIC as unstable and had also been given a class C grade. Council decided it was in the best interest of the Tribe to move the money. The investment account, approximately six-million, was moved to Wells Fargo which has been graded AAA. Approximately \$800,000 cash was moved to our account at Superior National Bank. At the October 29th Council meeting, Council member Fred Dakota re-addressed the issue stating he had received a call from a banker, Mike Mulder, from National City, who was apparently upset that KBIC had chosen to move our funds without discussing it with him and that our money was not any safer in the banks we had chosen to move it to. Treasurer Misegan stated Council member Fred Dakota had indicated that he didn't know we were moving it out of Mr. Mulder's bank and that he was a close personal friend of his, and if he would have known this, he would have opposed to moving it. Council member Dakota also stated that Mr. Mulder had helped the Tribe out in prior years. It was a smart business decision to move the Tribe's money from the National City Bank as it was unsteady and given the uncertainty of the economy it was necessary and is in the best interest of our Tribe. All Council members have been provided with a copy of the FDIC banks star ratings which are not released to the public. National City received a two star; SNB and Wells received a four star. National City was reported to have a below average condition and recorded a net loss of just under two million dollars, and there are several other negative indicators in the report. On the other hand, both SNB and Wells were reported as sound.

Treasurer Misegan attended a meeting with the representatives from the Trust Department at Superior National Bank along with President Swartz, Vice President Susan LaFernier, CEO Larry Denomie III, and CFO Francis LaPointe on October 8<sup>th</sup> to review our investment accounts. As of that date, they were doing well considering the volatility of the stock market. Misegan stated, "I believe that we were relieved to know this. All of KBIC's investments have been done conservatively with diversification in mind, and it is paying off. We will be going through these accounts with the entire Council following the budget meetings as there are some decisions that need to be made. We also believe that it is necessary to develop an investment policy, and we will begin working on this as well."

Treasurer Misegan prepared budgets for the Tribe's general fund and the Larry Asher Community Service fund. Council has begun our annual budget review, and we will be meeting to complete them this coming week.

Council member Fred Dakota made a statement regarding the National City Bank and wished for the folks of this Community to know, "The gentleman that we did business with at National City Bank, we did business with many many years ago. In fact, we borrowed money from National City Bank to get our Bingo going. Jim Schutte and Fred Dakota put their houses up to for collateral to get that going, so we were very good friends. As far as the bank policy and things like that, it doesn't really make any difference. I just made the statement since I was in favor of moving that money, and I don't blame anyone for moving it since it was in jeopardy, but I wanted them to know that he was a friend of mine, he is a friend of mine, and I wanted people to know that I do respect people that I'm a friend of, and I just said had I known that, I wouldn't have voted for that. This is specifically all I had to mention about it."

Council member Fred Dakota requested of the Treasurer if she had the information he had requested some five months earlier, regarding the lawyers from Minneapolis. Treasurer Misegan stated that she did not and that Mr. Baker would need to break down all the outside counsel. Council member Fred Dakota indicated what he wants to know is how much money has been spent with the firm from Minnesota to represent this tribe or individuals from this tribe in Tribal Court against their own tribal members. As the supervisor over the attorney, President Swartz stated that he'd work on that request.

Council member Doreen Blaker spoke of the Bear Town Firefighter's MOU being expired. The MOU has been worked on, but they now would like to include the EERA (Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement) in the MOU, and she will be returning with this matter in December.

Treasurer Misegan requested a date for the Third Reading for the Tobacco Ordinance since a couple of months had passed. Misegan indicated she'd like to see it done before the end of November. Council member Fred Dakota indicated he'd like to see it held after the December election. Council member Elizabeth Mayo requested a roll call on the motion to set the date. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to schedule the Third Reading of the Tobacco Ordinance for Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., supported by Toni Minton, eight supported (Curtis, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Denomie, Blaker, Emery, Matthews), three opposed (Mayo, Dakota, M. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried. Michael LaFernier stated he had a conflict with the date being during hunting season.

Council member Elizabeth Mayo brought forth the First Reading of the Amendment to Gaming Regulatory Ordinance 2008-05, proposing §18B.201 Definitions, 4) "Class I Gaming" to be left as: (A) Social gaming solely for prizes of minimal value or traditional forms of Indian Gaming engaged in by individuals as a part of, or in connection with, Tribal ceremonies or celebrations. (B) Raffles shall be considered Class I Gaming. Then eliminating the raffle part of it. Mayo indicated it will be less restrictive to us in what Class I Gaming means. Council scheduled the Second Reading of the Amendment to the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance 2008-05 for Friday, November 14, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to set the deadline for the Introduction of the Mining Ordinance as December 6, 2008, supported by Doreen Blaker, ten supported, 0 opposed, one abstained (Dakota), motion carried.

Council went into closed session with President Swartz, CEO Larry Denomie III, and CEO Assistant Sarah Smith on the agenda.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

## Roland J. Brunette

October 28, 1921—September 2, 2008

Roland J. Brunette, 86, of King, WI, died on September 2, 2008. He was born October 28, 1921, to the late George H. and Josephine (Pine) Brunette. Roland was a veteran of the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was united in marriage to Lorraine Hill. Roland enjoyed playing softball for tavern leagues; he liked to play the guitar and yodel. He was a good bowler and had even appeared on WBAY-TV bowling show. Roland was a Golden Gloves Boxer, and had tried out for the Detroit Tigers. He had worked as a tree topper in Michigan, a stevedore at Leights Transport, and a roofer.

Roland is survived by his children, Darlene Hill, Keith (Bonnie) Brunette, Kent (Bonnie) Brunette, Kerry Brunette, Christine Burnette, Georgi Mielke and her special friend Rick Prevost, Byrnn'e Brunette and her special friend Vicki Jourdan, Kelvin (Debbie) Brunette, Kathleen Brunette, and Kevin Brunette. He is further survived by 27 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, as well as two sisters; Marie "Minnie" Lallaman, June Whetung, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and two sisters; Cecelia and Angie.

Services were held at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Oneida, on Saturday, September 6, 2008, with Rev. Kristina Henning, Deacon Edmund Powless, and Rev. Earl L. Smith officiating. Full military rites followed in the church cemetery. Please go to www.ryanfh.com to express online condolences to the family. The RYAN FUNERAL HOME, De Pere assisted the family.

Correction: Joe Arcand, Clinical Social Worker at Donald La-Pointe Medical Center/Youth and Family services... telephone number is 353-4544.

## **Contract Health Services Defined**

#### **Basic Contract Health Service (CHS) Information**

Contract Health Service funding is made possible through annual appropriations from the federal government to all federally recognized tribes, as a result of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. CHS is limited by the budget and medical priorities.

Contract Health Services support care is provided through our clinics.

Contract Health is **NOT**:

- A Health Insurance Program
- An entitlement program (Medicare, Medicaid, etc.)

CHS is the PAYOR OF LAST RESORT, meaning all other alternate resources must be exhausted before CHS payments can be made. Therefore CHS payments cannot be made:

- For services our clinics could have reasonably provided.
- If you are eligible, or would have been eligible, if you had applied, for ALTERNATE RESOURCES, such as health/medical insurance, state, Medicaid, federal, charity or other assistance programs (ATR).
- If you choose to go to providers who does not accept your insurance or are otherwise out of the network of your insurance coverage, PPO, HMO, or MCO.

Your CHS request must fall within the KBIC Contract Health Delivery Service Area (CHSDA) and federal IHS health and or Bemidji Area/KBIC Priority categories and be medically necessary to be considered for payment.

- NON-EMERGENT use of emergency room services does NOT meet medical necessity standards and will NOT be paid by CHS.
  - Emergency situations are those health situations that are life- or limb-threatening and include heart attack, active labor and delivery, excessive and unstoppable bleeding and treatment for sudden, extensive physical trauma. After-Hours/Walk-in medical treatment for non-emergency reasons such as: anxiety, flu, earaches, toothache, or headache are not appropriately treated in the emergency room and will not be paid by CHS.

**It is your responsibility** to meet strict CHS eligibility requirements:

To be eligible, you must:

- 1. Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or a direct dependant under the age of 19. Descendants are eligible for direct cares only (Medical clinic, dental clinic, community health programming).
- 2. **Reside in the KBIC CHSDA** Our CHSDA includes Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon and *trust lands in Marquette County-direct services only*.
- 3. Establish and maintain a complete patient registration file for CHS. Your must update your file at least annually and whenever any of your registration information changes.
- Keep your registration file current by providing documentation about any changes in your address, name, medical insurances, or other types of health care coverage including state, Medicaid, Medicare, and other pertinent registration information (address, telephone numbers).

You must properly notify our CHS program staff at least three (3) days before receiving non-emergency services (usually by phone conversation with the CHS staff person). This includes all follow-up referral appointments including labs, surgery, and any and all dental procedures beyond the initial exam. CHS cannot pay unless you have notified our office that you have been referred outside of our clinic, which will be done by one of our providers only.

In case of medical emergency, you must notify our CHS staff within 72 hours of the start of the emergency care. Elders or disabled people have 30 days to notify our CHS staff of emergency room care.

To process requests for CHS payments, it is your responsibility to provide to the CHS staff:

- Provider billing claim statements: these are HCFA 100, UB 92, and/or other claims that have the diagnostic and procedural coding on them
- All pertinent Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The EOB is issued from your other payers or insurance. The EOB explains what has been paid and the unpaid balance.

If you have questions, we have trained staff to help you use this program. Please call the Contract Service office at (906) 353-4537.

## COUGHS & SNEEZES Spread diseases

What can you do?

Cover your mouth → nose when you cough or sneeze!
 Use a tissue, not your hands

2. Wash your hands!

Use soap & water or clean them with alcohol-based hand cleaner

## **Know Your Symptoms**

Colds, flu, pneumonia & meningitis can have similar symptoms. Read below to know what's best to do:

SYMPTOMS	Take care of yourself	Get medical care
Sore throat	Scratchy throat Can't swallow Minor swelling (glands)	Difficulty swallowing liquids White/yellow spots in throat Increased pain after 3 days
Fever	Less than 101	Higher than 101 for more than 3 days; Fluctuates above 101 several times a day; Shaking chills
Cough	Dry cough	Persistent cough Chest pain Wheezing Foul smelling, brown, bloody phlegm
Runny nose & sneezing	Relatively clear drainage; Mild sinus/facial discomfort	Foul smelling, brown, bloody drainage; Severe sinus/facial discomfort
Headache	Mild pain or pain that improves with non-prescription pain reliever (acetaminophen, ibuprophen)	GET MEDICAL HELP IMMEDIATELY:  ~ Blurred vision  ~ Nausea, vomiting  ~ Stiffness in neck or back  ~ mental agitation, confusion  ~ severe headache with fever greater than 101 and rash anywhere on the body
Body ache	General aches	Persistent abdominal pain
Fatigue	General tiredness	Excessive fatigue
Earache	Stuffy, clogged ears	Pain/discharge from ears

## Yellow Dog Plains and the Salmon - Trout Watershed



Staff from the Natural Resources Department, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve recently completed another round of surface water sampling in the Salmon - Trout watershed, which is fed from the Yellow Dog Plains. This is the second year of sampling work. The work s being funded with a Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Management Program grant that the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife received. Surface water samples were collected from numerous springs and drainage - ways that occur within the unique hydrologic system that makes up the Salmon - Trout Watershed. Samples were submitted to a laboratory for analysis. Analytical results will help quantify baseline water

Call the KBIC Medical

Clinic for medical care

at 353-8700!

quality conditions in this watershed, and provide information and data with which to protect the quality of this area for current and future generations. If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact us at (906) 524-5757.



## Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

#### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  - 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  - 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  - 3. 40 Homes in Marguette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road:
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the
- Individual development account program a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  - 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  - 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  - 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  - 4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
  - 5. Credit repair for homeownership;
  - 6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members:
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negauneeproviding profits for housing programs.

The Ojibwa Housing Authority has completed the final touches on our new office addition in Baraga, and we will all be operating out of the new offices before the Thanksgiving break. We will no longer be using the office in Zeba, and we will make that office available to rent by any entity interested. If you are interested in renting the former Zeba housing office on Marksman Road, contact Eddy Edwards, the Executive Director, at 353-7117.

The Ojibwa Housing Authority has been operating two businesses on the reservation. The businesses were designed to make a profit for the housing authority and to employ tribal members. In this past fiscal year that ended September 30, 2008, both businesses, the Ojibwa Building Supply and the Ojibwa Builders, were profitable! Between both businesses, we employ ten tribal members, who over the last year made over \$266,387 in wages and benefits. With the profits, the Board of Commissioners approved pulling over \$50,000 for several uses. First, the board approved a profit sharing plan that gave over \$16,000 to tribal member workers who helped these businesses succeed. The board also approved budgeting \$24,000 for our home repair IDA program and another \$12,000 for our elder/disabled Indian prescription subsidy program. We hope the community continues to utilize our businesses whenever they can, so we can continue to support worthwhile programs that benefit tribal members.

## OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Instead of making a New Years resolution, make a Thanksgiving or Christmas resolution to stop smoking!!! The library has three books that can help you stop. Good luck!

- ▼ 1440 Reasons to Quit Smoking
- ▼ How Women Can Finally Stop Smoking
- ▼ 7 Steps to a Smoke-Free Life

The library has new schedule. Hours have been expanded now that Michelle Maki has been hired as the Library Assistant,

> MONDAY: 11-8 THURSDAY: 11-8 TUESDAY: 11-8 FRIDAY: 11-5 WEDNESDAY: 11-7 SATURDAY: 11-3

If the library director is out for the day, the library will open @ 4 p.m. This has been made possible through a twoyear grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



OJIBWE LAUGH AND LEARN — LANGUAGE TABLE Wednesday Nights 7—8:30 pm, Ojibwa Library Building - KBOCC Classroom 1 This is an informal learning opportunity for all ages. Attend when you can.

For more information contact: Debra Williamson 353-4178

**Word List** 

minawaanigozi

godigoshin

gwaashkwezi

noondeshin

1. excited.

2. impatient

happy

4. energetic

1. exhausted.

Across:

2. injured

3. hungry

4. frighten

baapinakamigizi

ojaanimendam

zegi

bakade

Down:

## **OJIBWEMOWIN** Manidoo Giizisoons -



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

Anishinaabe Anokii

- **Tribal Business Owner Directory**
- **Business Development Resources**
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- **Business Support & Developmental Education Classes**
- Confidential Credit Counseling & **Financial Literacy Classes**
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development **Program**

8:00 am-4:30 pm Ojibwa Industrial Park Baraga, MI 49908

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Timothy W. Shanahan, **Business Counselor** 

Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

## Little Spirit Moon — December

Fill in the blanks energetic g\_\_as\_\_\_e\_i excited — \_aa\_\_nak\_mi\_\_ zi exhausted oo\_des\_\_\_ frighten **z** \_ \_ \_ happy mi\_\_waa\_\_g\_zi hungry — \_ \_ k \_ d e impatient — \_jaan\_men\_a\_ injured —

The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.

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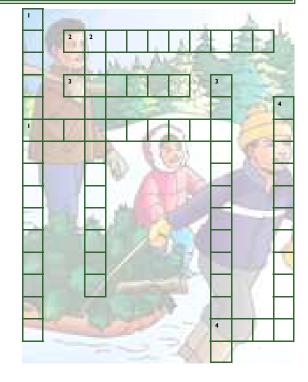
## 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appoint ment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Ses sions are free and confidential.





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## <u>December 2008 Calendars</u> Events

**December 6** — 9 a.m. Saturday Tribal Council meeting at the Chippewa Room

**December 13** — Tribal General Elections. Remember to vote!

**December 24** — Christmas Eve Holiday, KBIC Gov't. Offices closed

**December 25** — Christmas Day, KBIC Gov't. offices closed

**December 26** — Christmas Holiday, KBIC Gov't. offices closed

**December 31** — New Year's Eve, KBIC Gov't. offices closed

January 1, 2009 — New Year's Day, KBIC Gov't. offices closed

January 2, 2009 — New Year's Holiday, KBIC Gov't. offices closed



Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

## **KBIC Chosen for Eagle Books Pilot Program**

Traditionally, stories were told in winter by Native Americans to pass on their history, traditions, and cultures to their descendants. The stories in Eagle Books came from the recurring dream of the author (Georgia Perez) and the dreams of Native American Communities where they wanted to make a better life for people dealing with the disease of diabetes. Since children listen eagerly to stories and bring the information back to their parents as they talk about what they learned in school that day, the idea to introduce a new way of teaching diabetes awareness to the families came to be.

In 2002, the Native Diabetes Wellness Program Centers for Disease Control and Prevention formed a partnership with the New Mexico State Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and the Office of Native American Diabetes Program at the University of New Mexico to lay out a plan for a series of books which would contain healthy lifestyle messages to children to help in preventing obesity and diabetes. The partnership expanded to include book illustrators Patrick Rolo and Lisa A. Fifield, and the Indian Health Service Diabetes Committee, represented by leaders across the country. Partners and communities are involved from all directions: north, south, east and west. Four books have been developed and were ready to be implemented into a learning environment. Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa College's Destiny Program was chosen to conduct a pilot program where the Eagle Books were introduced to into local educational curriculums during October 24-31, 2008.



Shown above is Lloyd Arneach, Sr., (Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation), story teller as he told an engaging collection of stories to the elementary children at the Pelkie School.

Shown above is Mabel LaBine and her grandfather Roger LaBine (Lac Vieux Desert) at the Michigan Tech University's Powwow display. Mabel reads about traditional ways of being active, eating healthy, and making wise choices.

## KBOCC leaders celebrate *Health Is Life in Balance* Launch

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College President, Debra Parrish, and Dean of Student Services, Cherie Dakota, along with Board of Regents representatives Robin Chosa, Chris Gerard, and Tyler Larson traveled to Washington DC for the launch of the Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools' (DETS) Health is Life in Balance K-12 curriculum on November 12. The curriculum was launched by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Indian Health Service (IHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and eight tribal colleges and universities, including Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. KBOCC's curriculum development team was represented at the event by Lynn Aho, Mary Hindelang, and Stephanie Pinnow. Also joining the launch were the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and health administrators, educators, and providers from approximately 400 Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban diabetes programs.

The DETS project was started at the urging of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, who were aware of the devastating impact of diabetes. For many years, type 2 diabetes has disproportionately affected adults in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The disease is now affecting native youth at an alarming rate. The science of diabetes and tribal traditions are key components of this first-of-its-kind K-12 curriculum written by Tribal colleges and universities. The purpose of DETS is two-fold: to empower native youth with the knowledge to prevent or delay diabetes in those at risk and to inspire students to pursue careers in health and science.

Tyler Larson, KBOCC Regent and Tribal Youth Director commented, "I think that the DETS program is an exceptional piece of education that will greatly benefit communities that choose to take part in it. With the obesity problem in our country right now, there is no

more time to wait to inform our people about the harmful effects of eating unhealthy and being overweight, and there is no better place to do it than right in the school systems. A lot of time and effort was put into this curriculum, and hopefully in the future, we will see some very intriguing results."

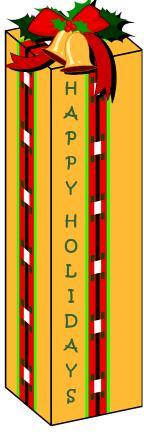
At the event, the curriculum development coalition was commended by Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers, Director of the NIDDK/NIH. Cognizant program officers Dr. Lawrence Agodoa and Dr. Sanford Garfield awarded certificates of appreciation to the coalition members including Debra Parrish, Mary Hindelang, Stephanie Pinnow, and Lynn Aho. President Parrish said, "I'd like to congratulate Dr. Lynn Aho, Dr. Mary Hindelang, Stephanie Pinnow and the entire DESTINY team for their hard

work which has led to this achievement and recognition."

The festive event was held at the National Museum of the American Indian and included a tribal blessing, press briefing, round dance, and informational presentations on the curriculum in addition to the awards presentation. Attendees were able to view the Museum's special exhibit on the Eagle Books, which are used in the elementary units of Health Is Life in Balance, including original watercolors for the illustrations. Plus, the Association of American Indian Physicians and the National Indian Health Board hosted an "Honoring Native Health Warriors Walk" on the National Mall in honor of the launch and of the Special Diabetes Programs for Indians Tribal programs staff members.



Left to right, front —Cherie Dakota, Dr. Lynn Aho, Dr. Mary Hindelang, back— President Debra Parrish, Chris Gerard, Tyler Larson, Robin Chosa, Stephanie Pinnow (missing from photo). Photo taken at the National Museum of the American Indian, just after the awards presentations.





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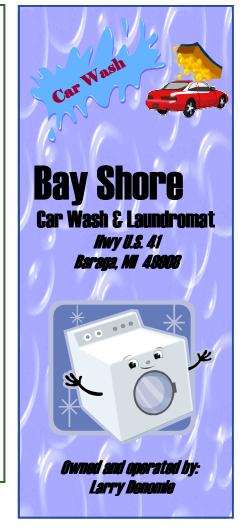
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